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## FREEMAN FAMILY

INCLUDING SIX GENERATIONS

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## PREFACE

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The first history of the Freeman family, written in the year 1894, was read before the assemblage at the Freeman family reunion, which took place at Fountain Park, Champaign Co., Ohio, on the first day of September, 1894. That was the first regular reunion held by the Freeman family, and they have also been held annually to the present time. The history had been written partly for that occasion, and partly as a souvenir to be presented to one of our cousins, who was so very young when his father died, that he knew but little about his ancestors, and he had occasionally asked me about them, as I was older than he; therefore, I wrote a little history, so he could read it for himself. Since that time a number of the family relatives have expressed a desire to obtain the history and thereby become more definitely acquainted with the existence of their people. Consequently, the author, later, undertook the work of revising and enlarging the first history. Then the idea presented itself to us, that it might be expedient to prepare the history for publication, if at any time it should be deemed worth while to make of it a printed book, thus giving all an opportunity of gaining some knowledge concerning their ancestors, and the names, and whereabouts of the relatives as they have descended in line through the different generations, also the number of descendants in the last five generations. The first three generations of the six, have all passed away, so far as our branch of the Freeman family is concerned. Besides myself, there is no other one of the fourth generation who had the opportunity to learn much of the history of our ancestors, even had they taken an interest therein, for I was born in my grandparents' house, and my parents always lived in part of their home until I was about seventeen years old; with the exception of two and a half years, when I was a small girl. My grandmother always took delight in giving me the family history on her own side, and grandfather's also, as far as she knew, and I was fond of hearing about relatives whom I had never seen or known of, and I remember a great deal that she told me, besides what I knew myself; but I have forgotten many items that would have been of interest in our history.

If we could have known, or dreamed of writing a family history, or had such an idea been thought of many years ago, while some of the ancestors were yet living, when we could have gained more information of them, perhaps the facts and dates of occurrences,



might have been presented more clearly, and the work made more interesting, as no doubt, many incidents occurred, and facts that have been forgotten, and cannot be recalled; nevertheless, the little history as set forth in the following pages, is aimed to be truthful, and care has been taken to make it plain and easy, that children may not fail to understand its meaning. We have also endeavored to show due respect to all, and give due credit to all, so far as enabled by personal knowledge of, or reliable information acquired, and so it is our sincere desire that it will be pleasing to all our family relations of the present generations, and they that will come after us. It has been our only aim to make it as interesting as possible, with what information we had in store, and we beg pardon for any defects whatsoever, that may possibly occur in giving this bit of history. We cannot say that any of the family who are the subjects in this connection, have ever been kings, princes or presidents, or ever occupied high positions among the great ones of the world. None have as yet been great discoverers, or explorers, or missionaries, or evangelists, or great ministers, but we do not know what some of them may become, in future years. We have no great warrior's deeds to record, though some of them have been soldiers. We have nothing wonderful to relate of any as heroes, though we doubt not that many of them have been more than heroic in many instances, and with strong minds, and stout hearts, have braved dangers, and thick overshadowing clouds, and withstood the deep overwhelming storms and disappointments along their pathway, and with the common events and varying struggles of life "adown the sands of time." Yet life has had its attractions, its joys, and pleasures, though not all a bed of roses without thorns. Nor can any one expect it so to be. None of the Freeman family have been millionaires, so far as we know, or possessed great riches, but as a family in general; they are worthy to be called intelligent, industrious, quiet, honorable, honest, lawabiding citizens, loyal to their country, and their flag, and let us hope loyal to their Savior and their God, and let us also hope that they will throughout, to the end of the latest generation, maintain that loyalty and never fall below that standard. That the present and future generations, of this, our family, may be ever guided by righteousness, truth and justice, while life shall last, is our greatest wish, and our most fervent prayer.

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We commenced the revision of the first history in 1896, and then laid it aside for some years, although we have written from time to time, of historical events, from information gathered through correspondence with some of the older relatives concerning

our Freeman family. Thus it has been delayed until this time. We have now taken up the work again, and shall endeavor to complete the same.

At some time during the early settlement of this country, there were two brothers by the name of Freeman, left the land of their birth, and came to America, and settled somewhere in the New England States. From what limited trace was kept of them, it was supposed they came from England, and that they were Englishmen, and from them descended our ancestors. This is all we know of the origin of our Freeman family, and it is what was handed down to their descendants, by our great grandfather, Hezekiah Freeman, a native of Newark, New Jersey.



## CHAPTER I.

Hezekiah Freeman and his wife Abigail, we will constitute the first generation. He was the son of Elijah Freeman, and was born at Newark, N. J., about 1750, and at an early age learned the trade of shoe-making. He married Miss Abigail Winans of Newark, who was the daughter of well-to-do parents; they were opposed to this union, but they found their son-in-law to be an honest, upright, industrious man, one who worked very hard at his trade, but he never became rich in this world's goods.

They lived to a ripe old age, and were well respected by all who knew them. I have often heard my grandmother say that he was a worthy and well respected man.

He was of medium size, and had rather fair complexion, but had dark hair and black eyes, which was considered to be the Freeman stamp in those days; tho occasionally one would meet a member of the family with eyes of another color. Hezekiah's wife was tall, well formed and fair. I have been told that she was a very good looking woman, with an air of distinction, and an aristocratic bearing, earnest, intelligent, industrious, and well respected. I do not remember the dates of their deaths.

They were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, whose names were as follows: Isaac, Sarah, George Warren, Silas, Martha, Hannah, Nancy, John, Stephen, Abigail, Hezekiah and Elizabeth. Isaac, the oldest child was born at Newark, N. J., about 1773. He married Miss Amy Briggs. We have no knowledge of their family, excepting a son, Hial and a daughter, Electa. Hial Freeman married a refined, cultured lady whose home was near Buffalo, N. Y. He was a stock dealer and used to come to Ohio to buy cattle on the Darby plains.

Electa was quite an intelligent woman, and married a Mr. Drew, but we know nothing more of them.

Sarah Freeman, who was born in Newark, N. J., about 1775, married Smith Little, who was of Scotch Irish descent, and had very odd and peculiar ways. They were the parents of two sons, Henry and Isaac. Isaac Little married Miss Abigail Bowen, near Auburn, N. Y., and they were the parents of four children,—one son and three daughters.

George Warren Freeman married Miss Judith Bowen; they are the grand-parents of the author, and we will speak of them later.

Silas Freeman was born in 1779 near Newark, N. J. He married Miss Joanna Ross; they were the parents of five children



whose names were: Polly, Walter, John, Darius, and Leonard. They moved to near Auburn, N. Y., where the family was reared.

Martha Freeman was born in 1781 in New Jersey; Patty, as she was usually called, married Michael Coughlin, but we have no further knowledge of them.

Hannah Freeman was born in 1783 and married Cephas Sheldon; they were the parents of twelve children, but we have no record of any except two sons, George and Elon. This large family lived on Freeman Street, near Auburn, N. Y. Elon Sheldon was connected with Hial Freeman in the buying and selling of cattle. Hannah Sheldon died near Auburn in 1873, aged 90 years, survived by all her children.

Nancy Freeman was born in 1785 and married Stephen Lacy of Auburn, N. Y. They moved to Ohio, and lived in Columbus some years. I can remember grandfather paying them a visit; and later their daughter, Sarepta, who married a Mr. Wilcox, spent several weeks at our home. Her husband held some official position in the West. They were the parents of two children, Henrietta and George. I remember them well, but have no further record of them.

John Freeman was born in 1787 at Newark, N. J., and removed with his parents to New York; he was a first class musician, and taught singing schools. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Miss Mehitabel, daughter of Esq. Ebenezer Bullock of Sennett, N. Y.; they travelled life's journey together a number of years. She died at the age of seventy years leaving no children. He married a young wife and they became the parents of two children, Florence and William. John Freeman died at the age of seventy-nine, leaving his family in good circumstances.

Stephen Freeman was born about 1789 in New Jersey and moved with his parents to Auburn, N. Y., he was a soldier in the war of 1812; when his company was ordered out to defend some point on Lake Ontario which was thought to be in great danger. He hastily donned a wet shirt, taken from the line, and in his excitement he did not realize the risk he ran in so doing; but this act caused the ruin of a strong man and he fell a victim to dread consumption.

Abigail Freeman was born in 1791 and removed with her parents to Auburn, N. Y. She married Mr. Abner French and they were the parents of several boys, whose names I have not been able to learn.

Hezekiah Freeman the eleventh child, was born in 1793. He was never married, but lived at the home of his parents near Auburn.

Elizabeth, youngest child of Hezekiah and Abigail Freeman was born in 1795 and died at the age of twelve years at Auburn, N. Y.

This closes the history of the first generation with the exception of George Warren Freeman of whom we will now speak.

## CHAPTER II.

George Warren, second son and third child of Hezekiah and Abigail Freeman, was born near Newark, N. J., Feb. 17, 1777. We do not know the exact time that Hezekiah removed with his family to Auburn, but suppose it to have been in 1796. Our grandfather went to Vermont and New Hampshire when quite a young man, where he worked in the pine forests. He was a great worker, and loved to fell the timber. At that time his axe was his fortune; he remained there perhaps two years, then going to the home of his parents near Auburn, N. Y. This journey he made on foot and carried his axe; he purchased a piece of land and after clearing a space he built a log cabin. Our grandfather was the namesake of General Warren, the distinguished patriot who fell at Bunker Hill in the Revolutionary War. George Warren Freeman was married to Miss Judith Bowen on Christmas eve, 1801, near Auburn, N. Y., at the home of Deacon Monroe. Judith was the oldest daughter of John and Sarah Bowen; she was born on Feb. 22, 1779, at Cheshire, Mass., where her parents then lived but who later moved to Warwick, Mass. After she had grown to womanhood, the Monroe family with whom she was living, removed to the State of New York. She went with them and remained until her marriage. She had a pleasant home with this good family, for some three or four years. They respected and esteemed her, and she had great regard for them. It was while a member of their household that she met and became engaged to grandfather.

The deacon and his wife gave the young couple a handsome wedding. I have heard grandmother describe a candle that she made to be burnt on the evening of her wedding; it was six candles in one and gave six separate lights, but required only one candlestick to hold it. It gave a brilliant light and was considered quite an artistic piece of workmanship.

Soon after their marriage they began housekeeping in the new log cabin which had been built on the land which grandfather had cleared. There they toiled hard to make a living and get a start in the world. Grandfather was of medium height and sturdy of build. He was possessed of unusual strength and ability; his hair was dark, eyes small and very black, his nose was slightly Roman; his mouth and chin denoted firmness, his complexion was





fair, and his countenance expressed courage and strength. Grandmother has often said she considered him a very handsome man. Grandmother was of medium height, and inclined to stoutness, her weight at the age of fifty was about two hundred pounds. She had blue eyes, very light hair and fair complexion, her countenance showed soundness of mind and strong resolution, but she was not a handsome woman—a fact that none knew better than herself. She had excellent health and possessed more than ordinary strength and endurance. I have heard her speak of turning a fifty pound cheese alone, there were no factories in those days and no patent appliances to lighten the household tasks.

Grandfather received very little book learning and did not possess the inclination for reading that grandmother had. She was sent to school only a few weeks and was taught very little more than the alphabet. She could not be spared from home to attend school; she began to earn her living at the age of ten, instead of attending school as children of today are required to do; she said she had cried many nights after she had gone to bed because she could not read and she longed to be able to take up a book and read as she saw others doing; and she determined in her own mind, that she would find a way to gain the knowledge she so desired as soon as she was older and strong enough to do the work allotted to her, and study at the same time. The opportunity to learn came thru a young lady who was boarding with the Monroe family. Grandmother sought and gained her assistance in learning how to spell and pronounce words; then she planned a way to fasten her book at the head of the spinning wheel, and every time she walked up to it, to roll the thread up on the spindle, she would spell and pronounce a word. This took perseverance and patience; very few children of today would undertake such a task or have the patience to gain the rudiments of an education as she did. I fear the children of today do not appreciate the educational advantages as they should. When grandmother was a little girl, common schools were maintained by subscription and many who were struggling to get a start in the world and support a large family thought that they could not afford to pay their share of the subscription, or needed their children at home to help with the work, and did not send them to school; some thought that to be able to read and write was sufficient; others thought that girls did not particularly need an education. There was a saying in pioneer times that it was only necessary to send a child to school long enough to learn the alphabet and then if they were disposed to learn they would get an education in some way. I have heard of a parent who sent his boy to school four weeks to learn grammar and two weeks to learn arithmetic; what would the children in the schools of this day and age think of that? Parents and children alike were negligent about attending

and receiving the benefits of such school advantages as were provided; verily the progress of a hundred years has marked a wonderful improvement in educational lines. Grandfather had no talent for music, but grandmother was a very good singer in her day, and had a clear, strong voice, even when she was seventy years old she often sang hymns from her old-fashioned coarse print hymn book. Her people were good singers and some were good musicians.

### CHAPTER III.

We will now give a little sketch of the ancestors of our grandmother. This would not belong to the Freeman history, but the two families have inter-married, so that it seems proper to give some historical account of the Bowen family.

Our great grandfather; John Bowen, was born and reared at Rehoboth, Mass., and his ancestors were supposed to be of Welsh origin. He married Miss Sarah Briggs of Providence, Rhode Island. To this union were born twelve children, ten growing to manhood and womanhood. They were: Judith, Sylvanus, Sarah Abigail, John, Elias, Martin, Polly, Hannah and Betsey.

Judith Bowen, the oldest child, was married to George Warren Freeman.

Sylvanus Bowen married Susannah Rice, of Natick, Rhode Island; they were the parents of nine children. Harvey, Cynthia, Susan and Maria, the names of the others we did not learn.

Harvey was born in Onondaga Co., N. Y., Feb. 7, 1814; he married and was the father of quite a family, several of whom died long ago. He and his sons owned and operated a saw mill and grist mill in Michigan. He held the office of Justice of the Peace at his home in Rollin, Mich. 40 years, at which place his death occurred Aug. 11, 1897, at the age of 84. His widow died in March, 1900, aged 83 years. They were survived by four sons and their families.

Cynthia Bowen was born March 6, 1816, and was married to Dr. George Hewitt; their home was in Genoa, N. Y. He left a good practice to seek his fortune in the gold fields in California, in 1849; he returned after some years, but failed to gain the fortune he sought. They were the parents of two children, both of whom died in infancy. Cynthia died in 1902 at the age of 87 years, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Cora Koon, near Auburn, N. Y.

Another sister, Maria Bowen, died at the same place in the year 1899.

Susan Bowen was born Aug. 9, 1823. She was reared near Sennett, N. Y.; she married George W. Olmstead and their home



was near Auburn. They were the parents of six children; two sons and one daughter are deceased.

Susan Olmstead died March 27, 1907, at the home of her daughter, near the city of Auburn, N. Y. Her husband had died about 25 years earlier. This cousin had been a very interesting correspondent with the author for eleven years; she was a very intelligent, christian woman and altho almost 85 years of age, her mind was clear and bright. Her daughter Cora married Mr. J. B. Koon, and has been a widow a number of years, and is the mother of two sons; Frank and Archie Koon. They are both married and live on a dairy farm near Auburn, N. Y.

Herbert Olmstead married Miss Elizabeth Harvey; their home is in Auburn. They are the parents of two daughters, Viola and Ada, they are both graduates of the City High School. Mr. Olmstead is an artist; and manager of the musical department of the Burtis Opera House of Auburn.

Rice Olmstead married Miss Ida Harvey; their home is in Auburn. He is a shipping clerk in a wholesale rubber store; he is also a musician, they are the parents of two sons, Floyd and Chauncey.

Abigail, daughter of John and Sarah Bowen married Isaac Little, a son of Smith and Sallie Freeman Little, they were the parents of four children, Isaac, Betsy, Abigail and Hannah.

Isaac married and reared a family of three children. Betsy married, first a Mr. Geer, and had one son; she married the second time a Mr. Baxter; they were the parents of two children, Augustus and Nellie. The latter married Mr. Connor; their home was in Auburn, N. Y. The mother, Betsey, died at the age of 77 years. Abigail married Mr. Snell; her daughter Lillian married George Archer; they were the parents of a son and daughter. Mrs. Snell died in 1895 at the age of 75 years.

Hannah Little married Martin Townsend, they were the parents of two sons, one died in the service of his country in the Civil War. Hannah died many years ago.

John Bowen, Jr., born and reared at Warwick, Mass, married Polly Freeman, a daughter of Silas and Joanna Freeman, they were the parents of eleven children.

Elias Bowen, born at Warwick, Mass., 1791, removed with his parents to New York State when a boy; he was educated for and entered the ministry, before he was of age.

He married Miss Abigail Birdseye of Saquoit, N. Y. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of them grew to manhood and womanhood. Ann Eliza, the eldest daughter, married Rev. L. L. Knox; they are the parents of Dr. Harriet Knox, who was a Red Cross nurse at Staten Island, N. Y.

Harriet Bowen married Rev. W. H. Miller. They were the parents of Abigail Miller and Laura M. McLean who live in Iowa.

Sarah Elizabeth Bowen married Rev. D. W. Thurston. They are the parents of three daughters and one son, all are married and have homes in Syracuse, N. Y.

Abigail Bowen married Rev. C. N. Stowers, she died in 1887, leaving a son who was a lieutenant on duty at Camp Thomas, and also at Chickamauga, his home in later years was in N. Dakota, where he was practising law.

Charles W. Bowen was a teacher, and married Miss Mary Cole, their home at that time was at Livonia, N. Y. They were the parents of four children, two sons live in Quincy, Ill. A daughter married George DePuy of Owasco, N. Y. They are the parents of two daughters. The father, Charles W., accidentally shot and killed his wife. His death followed in 1885.

William C. Bowen married Gertrude Goodell, of Conn. He was a minister and also President of a Seminary for Girls, at Bordentown, N. J., for a number of years. He died in 1891, aged 59 years. Three children were born to them, a son, and one daughter are deceased; the other daughter, Katherine Isabella, and the mother, were living in Middletown, Conn., where Katherine taught music.

Charlotte A. Bowen married Martin Rose Freeman, a farmer, near McGrawville, N. Y. They were the parents of a son, with whom the mother made her home after the death of her husband. We do not know that this Mr. Freeman was any relative of ours.

Angeline Bowen, who was the youngest child of Rev. Elias Bowen and wife, died at the age of 21 years, unmarried.

Rev. Elias Bowen labored in the ministry of the M. E. Church for many years, serving as Presiding Elder at different periods for twenty-four years in northern N. Y. He was a delegate to General Conference seven times; and held every church office except Bishop. He was a clear, forcible and logical preacher and was regarded as one of the foremost teachers of the higher spiritual life. He was a Trustee of the Cazenovia Seminary, N. Y., for a period of nineteen years.

His writings on educational and other subjects were published in different periodicals. He was strongly opposed to slavery and wrote and published a book on that subject in 1850 at Auburn. The book is entitled "Slavery in the M. E. Church." Elias Bowen, D. D., died at his home in Courtlandville, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1870, aged 79 years.

Martin, fourth son of John and Sarah B. Bowen, was born in 1794, at Warwick, Mass.; he married Miss Sarah Simpson of Utica, N. Y., in 1814. They were the parents of nine children.



7. David, the oldest child was born April 15, 1815, near Auburn, N. Y. His childhood was spent in Livingston and Ontario Counties, and he came to Ohio with our grandparents in 1837 when he was 22 years old. He married Sarepta Freeman in 1839; two children were born to them, Webster and Jefferson Bowen; the last named died in infancy.

The mother died Sept. 15, 1841. It was not an easy matter for David to get a woman to keep house for him and care for his little boy, so on Dec. 30, 1841, he married Miss Elizabeth A. Wynant, a very worthy woman; to this union were born five children, all of whom grew up to be well respected and worthy sons and daughters.

David and family lived in a log cabin on grandfather's farm while his first wife was living; he, during this time had purchased a piece of land which was all in timber; the spring following his second marriage, he removed to another farm, where they lived a year or two; during this time he cleared a space on his land and built a log cabin and moved into it. There they lived until 1859 when he made a trade with Ira Freeman for a tract of land known as the Goul-Tenny farm of a hundred or more acres. Here the family removed and lived for many years. A new frame house was erected some years before the death of the father. David Bowen died March 2, 1882, of a complication of diseases. He was a man of many excellent qualities and good ideas; he was strong and could take hold and do most anything in an emergency—a very useful man in the community; his services were always in demand at a raising; buildings were put up by bents; each side in those days was framed together, and one bent at a time; each side was raised, and at each time he would give the call "He-o-heave"—all together men—all together—Set it right up men, set it right up—and the bent would go up, and in this manner the whole building would be raised.

His wife, Elizabeth A. Bowen, died Aug. 26, 1896. Her death was deeply lamented by her children, friends and neighbors; she was a woman possessed of many virtues, and whom to know was to love.

Carlton William, oldest son of David and Elizabeth Bowen, was born in 1843 and died Sept. 22, 1907, aged 64 years. He was a farmer and never married. With his sister Margaret, he lived in Mechanicsburg a few years, but they returned to the farm, where he spent his last days.

Sarepta A. Bowen was born June 4, 1846, and was married to John R. Moody in Sept. 1868. He is a farmer and stock dealer and taught school in his younger days. They are the parents of six children; Edwin, Lulu, Lawrence, Earl, Margaret and Laura Moody. (Lawrence and Earl are deceased).

Edwin married Miss Nona Carpenter in Missouri; they are the parents of two children, Earl and Louise. They live on a farm northwest of Mechanicsburg.

Lulu married William Millice, a farmer, living near Mechanicsburg, they are both graduates of the Mechanicsburg High School. They are the parents of two bright little daughters, Margaret and Irene Millice.

Margaret was married in Dec. 1903, to Mr. Luther Gaver, a farmer and school teacher; their home is near Mutual, O. They are the parents of one son, Kenneth Gaver.

Laura E. Moody graduated from Mechanicsburg High School; then after teaching two years, entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and graduated with the class of 1910. Since then she has been teaching in the High School at Plain City, Ohio.

Serepta Bowen Moody taught school before her marriage, she is a quiet, amiable woman, an excellent wife and mother.

Margaret Mary and David Ferguson Bowen, were born in Nov. 1850. Margaret is unmarried and lived at home, kindly caring for her mother and brother Carlton until they were called from earth; she now has a home with her sister Sarepta.

David F. married Miss Nancy Douglas, Sept. 3, 1873. They are the parents of four sons, Clinton, Charles, Pearl and David.

Clinton graduated from the Mechanicsburg High School and taught several years. He is now engaged in selling farm implements. He married Miss Maud Teal, of Illinois. To them were born two children, Ida and George,—their mother dying of consumption when the children were quite small. A few years later Clinton remarried and now lives with his family in Fostoria, Ohio. Charles Bowen married Miss Gail Freeman; we will speak of them later.

Pearl Bowen was reared a farmer, but afterward learned telegraphy; he enlisted in the U. S. service, and was sent to the Philippines with his Regiment, the 17th U. S. Regulars. He was given a position in a telegraph office. At the expiration of his term of service of three years he returned to the home of his parents. He married Miss Nora Weatherhead of Woodstock, Ohio, where they now reside; they are the parents of two children, Harold and William.

David F. Bowen, Jr., married Miss Della Gaver, they are the parents of four children,—Catherine, Roland, Ruth, and Carice. This family lived on a farm until recently; they removed to Mechanicsburg. David is now a student in a school of Veterinary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miranda C., youngest child of David and Elizabeth Bowen was married October 22, 1874, to Mr. John Wood, a farmer; they are the parents of two daughters,—Elizabeth and Nellie. Elizabeth



married Mr. Jonathan Armstrong of Anderson, Ind., a conductor on the electric street railway; one child was born to them,—Frances, who died at the age of eight years. Nellie has always lived at home, faithfully caring for her mother thru many years of suffering. The grandparents were sorely grieved over the death of little Frances, they now have but one grandchild, Carlos, a bright, lively little boy.

Miranda C. Wood died of dropsy at her home near Mechanicsburg, Ohio, June 11, 1911, deeply mourned by all who knew her.

Hiram Bowen, second son of Martin and Sarah Bowen, was born in Cayuga County, New York, and removed with his parents to Canadice. He was a wagon maker by trade. He married Miss Viletta Rude in 1837. They were the parents of one daughter, Viletta, the mother died and the babe was cared for by her grandmother. Hiram married Miss Margaret Morton, to this union were born three daughters, Vernelia, Mary Lauretta and Jennie Bowen. Hiram died at Livonia, N. Y., in 1856.

Viletta Bowen married Russell Freeman. More will be said concerning her later.

Lucy, oldest daughter of Martin and Sarah Bowen was born near Auburn, N. Y., in Sept. 1819, and moved with her parents to near Canadice when quite young. She was married to Thomas Saxbe, in March, 1834, he was born in London, England. Lucy was fourteen and a half years of age, and rather small for her age, at the time of her marriage. Mr. Saxbe was a stone mason, and many samples of his work yet remain in Champaign County, Ohio, where he removed with his family in 1847. His death occurred in 1859. To this couple were born nine children,—five only reaching maturity. Joseph the oldest son married Elizabeth Tucker; to them were born five children; there was only one, Ida, who grew to womanhood. The parents are long since dead.

William Saxbe married Elizabeth Bamberger, they are the parents of nine children; their names are as follows: Ellen, Harriet, Alice, Oaks, Laura, Lucy, Thomas, Bart, Ray.

Ellen married Mr. Pearl Owen of Woodstock; they are the parents of four children whose names are Thomas, Bart, William, and Nellie. Mr. Owen is a farmer and a teacher.

Harriett Saxbe married Mr. Horace Seava, and they are the parents of five children;—Ruth, Paul, Naomie, Eugene and Frances Seava. Ruth is now married to Mr. Paul Warnecke, their home is in Los Angeles, California. Paul married Miss Gertrude Malone, Portland, Oregon, 1911; their home is in Tacoma, Wash., where the family removed some years ago. Alice and Oaks Saxbe died in 1877 of scarlet fever. Laura Saxbe grew to womanhood and was a victim of consumption; her death occurred some years ago.

Lucy Saxbe married Mr. William Van Ness in 1899; he is a farmer. Their home is now in Mechanicsburg, O. Thomas Saxbe married Miss Mable Kennedy; he is a dealer in stock.

Bart Saxbe married Miss Fay Carey, of Sidney, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1911.

Ray Saxbe, youngest son of William and Elizabeth Saxbe, was born about the year 1884, and died at Redlands, Cal., of scarlet fever, in April, 1908; his remains were brought to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, for interment.

William Saxbe enlisted in Co. I, 66th Regt. O. V. I. and was discharged in 1861; he is a farmer. His wife, Elizabeth, died in the summer of 1909, at their home in Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Sarah E. Saxbe, oldest daughter of Thomas and Lucy Saxbe, was born in the State of New York and removed with her parents in 1847. She was married to George W. Freeman in 1867. Margaret, Isabella, Caroline and another one died during the years of childhood.

Martin B. Saxbe was born in 1855. He married Miss Bettie Moody; they were the parents of four children; Harry is a bachelor and lives on his own farm near Urbana, Ohio.

Nellie married Mr. Ray Dennis; they are the parents of one child, Helen; they live near Urbana, Ohio.

Lida died at the age of eighteen years with typhoid fever. Joseph was born Feb. 21, 1889, at Urbana, Ohio, while his father held the office of Sheriff of Champaign County.

Bettie Saxbe died in 1895, and a year later Martin married Miss Marie Straub; the family removed to Columbus where Martin held the position of captain of the day guard at the Penitentiary. Later he returned to his farm near Urbana; two sons were born to Martin and Marie Seaxbe, whose names are Howard and Marvin.

Caroline, youngest child of Thomas and Lucy Saxbe, was born in 1858. She taught school one year, and was married in 1877, to William Moody; they are the parents of five children, namely: Estella, who married Kenton Hewling, of Urbana, O. They have one child, Jeannette; their home is now in Springfield, Ohio.

Herman, who died of membranous croup, at the age of four. Ralph married Miss Edna Miller; they have one child, Marie.

Ralph is employed in Springfield.

Bettie married Mr. John Scurry, of London, Ohio. They are the parents of one child, Lucille.

Ruth, youngest child of Caroline and William Moody, died at the age of eight years in Urbana, Ohio.

This family all live in Springfield, Ohio. Martin Bowen, son of Martin and Sarah Bowen, born and reared near Livonia, N. Y., married Elizabeth Chamberlain. They emigrated to Ohio in 1846; they were the parents of ten children.





Mary E., the oldest, married Eliphas Meacham, of Woodstock, Ohio, in 1863; they are the parents of four children, two died in infancy. Ancil Meacham married Lizzie Nece. They are the parents of four children: Jared, Claude, Bernice and Burl. This family live in Woodstock, Ohio.

Lucy Meacham married Guy Coffee; they are the parents of two children, Dorcas and Eliphas. Lucy died in 1907, after several years of intense suffering from cancers.

Mary E. Meacham died in May, 1901.

Marvin Bowen was accidentally drowned at the age of three. Isabelle died in infancy.

Myron Bowen enlisted at the age of 16 in the 45th Regt. O. V. I., in Aug., 1862. He was a drummer boy and was taken prisoner at Philadelphia, Tenn., 1863, and paroled in 1864, and mustered out with his company in June, 1865, going West soon after his return.

Emma J. died at the age of eight years.

Lucy married Mr. Shannon Bailey, they were the parents of seven children; Alta, Lela, Zula, Lotie, Charles, Robert and Raymond.

Lucy and Shannon Bailey both died some years ago.

John Chamberlain Bowen died in infancy.

Alice Bowen married Charles Wallace; they now live in Kalamazoo, Mich. They are the parents of three children, Minnie, Besse, and Mack.

Minnie married Oscar Rape, they are the parents of one child, Alice, aged three years.

William Bowen was a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad and was killed at Bradford, O.

Edwin Bowen died, when a young man, of consumption.

Carlton Bowen, son of Martin and Sarah Bowen, born and reared in Livingston County, N. Y., he married Miss Sarah A. Piatt, they were the parents of three children, Sarah, who married Silas Reynolds, and they were the parents of one son, Carlton Reynolds.

Minnie married Millard Bearse; they are the parents of two sons, George Bowen, the son, is deceased.

Caroline, daughter of Martin and Sarah Bowen, born near Livonia, N. Y., in Oct. 1829, removed to Ohio, with her parents in 1846. She married Mr. Adam Goul, October 8, 1849; to them were born four children,—Ferguson, Christian, William and Sarah Goul.

Ferguson married Miss Emily Redman. They are the parents of six children, four of whom are living.

Minerva married Samuel Crim. They have one child, Irene.

Harry married Miss Ada McAdams. They are the parents of

seven children, five are living, viz: Geraldine, Roma, Verna, Vaughna and Doris.

Martha Goul married John W. Roberts. They are the parents of three children, Thelma, Marvin and Harriett.

Marion, the youngest child, of Ferguson and Emily Goul, married Miss Ella Detwiler in Oct., 1911.

Ferguson Goul died in Nov., 1905.

Christian Goul married Miss Elizabeth Mitchell. They are the parents of three children, Maude, who married Warren Talbot in 1896; to them were born two children, Trella and Marjorie. Maude Goul Talbot died in Nov., 1907.

Adam Goul married Elizabeth Truett, of London, Ohio. They are the parents of one child, Margel Goul.

Jennie, youngest child of Christian and Elizabeth Goul, married Mr. John Blazer in June, 1909. They are the parents of twin boys, Floyd and Lloyd, born May 17, 1910. Floyd died in Sept., 1910.

William Goul married Miss Mary Lee in 1884. To them was born one child Bertha; the mother died of typhoid fever in 1886; and her babe was cared for by her father's sister until he married Miss Katie Diltz in Feb., 1891. The second wife died in 1903, leaving two sons, Chauncey and Cecil. The father and sons now live in Clyde, Ohio.

Bertha Goul married Rev. William Cundy in 1910. They are the parents of one child.

Sarah Jane, only daughter of Caroline and Adam Goul, married Elijah Lyons. They had no children, but they reared a little girl (named Florence Snay) as their own. Mrs. Lyon and her foster daughter have both been dead some years.

Caroline, the mother, died Oct. 24, 1858. Mr. Goul's second wife was Miss Martha Stevenson, who proved to be a good mother to his little children. She has been dead a number of years. In Nov., 1891, he married Miss Nancy Adams. Mr. Goul died Oct. 10, 1910.

Ferguson Bowen, son of Martin and Sarah Bowen was born near Livonia, N. Y., June 21, 1832, and removed to Ohio with his parents; he married Miss Roxcellana Gardner in Livonia; they were the parents of one child, William, who died when an infant. Ferguson was a Lieutenant in the 134th Regt. O. V. I. during the Civil War. He died in Jan., 1899, and his wife died May 5, 1905.

Ira F., youngest child of Martin and Sarah Bowen, born at Livonia, N. Y., 1835, came to Ohio, 1846, married Miss Maria Tucker. They were the parents of three children, John, George and Marietta, all are now dead; George married Miss Rachael Morris; to them were born two children, Marian and Ralph.

Marian graduated from Mechanicsburg High School, and



taught a few terms, then married Mr. Harry Hunter, of Urbana, in which place they now reside.

Ralph Bowen is a clerk in the employ of a railroad company in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he and his mother now reside. This closes the record of the descendants of Martin and Sarah Bowen, who passed much of the later years of their life at the home of their son David, who generously provided a home, not only for his aged parents but for others of his kindred.

Polly, daughter of John and Sarah Bowen, born at Warwick, Mass., 1789, was married in 1822, to Oren Fuller in the State of New York. They were the parents of ten children, all but three preceded the parents to the spirit world. The parents died at their home in Union, Ill., cared for by a daughter, Miss May Fuller.

Hannah, fifth daughter of John and Sarah Bowen was born 1799, at Warwick, Mass., died at the age of 16 years.

Betsey, youngest child of John and Sarah Bowen, died at the age of 22 years of consumption.

Sarah Briggs Bowen died in 1827, in Livingston County, N. Y., when about seventy years of age.

John Bowen died in 1832, at his home in Wayne County, N. Y.

This closes our history of John Bowen, Sr., and his family and descendants, so far as we can gain any knowledge of them.

#### CHAPTER IV.

We will now return to the history of the farm where grandfather and grandmother began housekeeping. It was in Cayuga County, Brutus Township, New York, and on what was known as Freeman street, a road so named because of the number of families by that name living on it. Later the township was divided and the other part was called Sennett, and our grandparents' farm was near Sennett Village, and about four miles from Auburn. Grandfather was a very early riser, and often arose at 3 A. M. and began his day's work of hauling with a team of oxen, often going long distances; he cleared and paid for his farm by his persevering labor. Grandmother spun wool and flax and wove it into cloth for wearing apparel for the family and made blankets and coverlets and flannel and yarn, and often wove cloth for her neighbors; of the flax was made the linen thread for sewing,—also towels, table and bed linen. All their sewing was done by hand, and it makes us pause and wonder how people could do all this kind of work beside caring for large families, and the necessary house work. Perhaps it would be interesting to the younger generation who will read this to know that in those days calico was 75 cents and \$1.00 per yard and a girl's wages were considered good at 75 cents per week. Grandmother kept her spinning wheel as long as she lived

and always had her wool and flax; the author has spun a great many skeins of yarn out of carded wool rolls and reeled it; four cuts made a skein and one hundred and twenty threads made a cut. These have all passed away with the progress of time. The young people of today know nothing about such work; the world moves much more rapidly today. After some years, grandfather built a new frame house and made other improvements. Seven children were born to them while they lived on this farm; the oldest, a daughter, died in infancy; the others were Letcy, Russell, Warren, Ira, John B. and Noah B. Freeman.

In the year 1820 they sold their farm and removed to Ontario County, sixty miles west of Auburn, where he purchased another farm near the village of Canadice. This farm was largely in timber and he and his boys began the work of clearing. It was here that the two youngest children, George and Sarepta were born.

After a few years they built a large frame house and barn and had everything in comfortable shape again; about the year 1830 he journeyed to Ohio, then the far west, with an idea of purchasing land as he could get more for his money than in the East, but he returned without buying, and remained on the farm several years longer; the children became men and women and all married there except the two youngest. In the spring of 1837 he sold his farm to Charles Ashley and in April, they, with their son, Ira and wife, Marville and George and Sarepta, and David Bowen, grandmother's nephew, started in covered wagons on the long journey to the West, bringing some bedding and other household goods. After four weeks of tiresome travel they stopped for a rest of a day or two at a farm house in Goshen Township, Champaign County, Ohio; the farmer was Mr. James Woodward, and when grandfather found that the farm was for sale, he began making inquiry and soon found that the adjoining farm on the west, owned by a Mr. Davis, was for sale also; he looked both farms over and decided to purchase them. May 13, 1837, the deed was written, conveying 100 acres from James and Dolly Woodward to George Warren and Julith Freeman, consideration \$1,600.00 and May 23rd, 1837, Josiah and Joanna Davis deeded their farm of 100 acres to grandfather and grandmother for \$1,100.00 cash. These farms are about two and one-half miles N. W. from Mechanicsburg on the Urbana and Milford road, and near what is now known as the four corners, or Bowen's crossroads.

Ira Freeman and wife moved in the double log house on the farm purchased of Mr. Davis just a short distance west of grandfather's; and on March 31st, 1841, our grandparents conveyed the Davis farm to their son, Ira, \$1,100.00 was named as the price in the deed, but no money changed hands. About that time grandfather made the first payments on two other farms, for his son,



George, and daughter, Sarepta. This land joined the Davis farm on the West, and was nearly if not all in timber. We do not know how many acres each one contained. At this time there was not a graveled road in the county. There were some stretches of so-called corduroy road—made from young trees laid close together across the road, sometimes for quite a distance; the early settlers had long distances to travel over these rough thoroughfares.

The log houses have nearly all disappeared in this section, except as relics of the past, and these old houses, where the brave and true pioneers lived and reared their sturdy sons and daughters, have been replaced by more pretentious homes, in keeping with the advancement of the country and times. Grandfather's farm, purchased of Mr. Woodward had a double-log house with a new frame addition—a long narrow lane led from the barn to a spring of never-failing, almost ice-cold water which had a strong taste of sulphur, but not enough to make it disagreeable. A. L. Freeman says that if this spring could be moved to the vicinity of New York it would be worth a fortune to its owner. It supplied water for many of the neighbors when wells would fail in a dry season. We must now speak of the old cider mill that stood across the road from the house for forty years or more; farmers would come for miles to make their apples into cider, paying a small price for the privilege. Perhaps a few words about the process of making the cider in those days, for the benefit of the later generations who may be familiar with the modern methods, would be interesting. The grinding was done by two large cylinders with large wooden cogs that matched into each other and mashed the apples into a pomace; by the use of a long sweep pole with a horse hitched to one end walking round the vat which caught the pomace as it was mashed to a pulp. The next process was to take a square box about eight inches high and six feet square without bottom or cover and place it on a strong platform with two uprights twelve or fourteen inches in diameter and a cross beam at the top through which ran two wooden screws six inches thick, by using rye straw to hold it they would then fill the box with pomace and turn the straw over to hold it in shape, and in this way could build up five or six of what we will call cheesees; then by using a long wooden lever to turn the screws, the cider would run in a continuous stream through a groove cut in the platform, into a tub from which it was dipped and poured into barrels through a funnel.

But, however great the improvements may be, and let them grind apples as fast as they will, none ever could taste so delicious to me as the cider that was made at my grandfather's mill.

The process of making the cider over will show how the pomace was turned into profit. My father built a V-shaped vat and filled

it with the pomace and by pouring water on it would leach off barrels of vinegar.

On this farm were also many cherry, apple and peach trees and these were loaded with fruit each year. Not a crop once in few years, as we have it in these later times. In a lot back of the old cider mill was a grove of maple trees; it was usually in March that the trees were tapped and spiles inserted to obtain the sap which ran into wooden troughs, then brought in and boiled down to a syrup; this we called maple molasses and was pure and much better than the syrup we get in these days. In the year 1843 grandfather's health failed and he was unable to attend to the farm work, so he divided the farm and deeded fifty acres to his son Warren, and he was to provide for him the rest of his life, and pay the expenses of sickness, also funeral expenses, all of which he did.

The remaining fifty acres he deeded to grandmother. After arranging their property they had not long to live together, grandfather died July 11, 1845, after an illness of five days with dysentery in a severe form; two physicians attended him but could do nothing to prolong his life, his age was 68 years and five months. The funeral services were held in the home conducted by Rev. French, a Baptist minister from New Hampshire, who was visiting at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. Tenney, a near neighbor. His remains were laid to rest on the home farm, near where his youngest daughter and her little son were buried a few years before I was quite young at that time, but remember the sad occasion and also remember a Hymn that was sung at the funeral, and will give a copy, it is from Dr. Watts.

"Life is the time to serve the Lord,  
The time to ensure the great reward;  
And while the lamp holds out to burn,  
The vilest sinner may return.

Life is the hour that God hath given  
To escape from hell and fly to heaven,  
The day of grace, and mortals may  
Secure the blessings of the day.

The living know that they must die,  
But all the dead, forgotten lie,  
Their memory and their sense is gone,  
Alike unknowing and unknown.

Their hatred and their love are lost,  
Their envy buried in the dust;  
They have no share in all that's done,  
Beneath the circuit of the sun.



Then what my thoughts design to do,  
My hands with all your might pursue:  
Since no device or work is found,  
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

There are no acts of pardon past  
In the cold grave to which we haste:  
But darkness, death, and long despair  
Reign in eternal silence there.

How important it is to give our love and our thoughts to the Savior, who said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;" and while the lamp holds out to burn to accept his pardoning grace, and with our might pursue the path which leads to peace.

In later years grandfather's remains were removed to the cemetery at Treacles Creek church. Grandmother lived eight years after his death, and occupied the same part of the house in which she and grandfather had lived; she thought she would be more contented to keep house and do her own cooking; this she did, and was always busy with her housework, knitting, sewing, or reading. She remained there four and a half years; then in 1850 went to live with her son, Ira and family, on the adjoining farm. Not long after, uncle sold his farm to my father and bought a farm farther west, in Union Township, near Mutnal, and grandmother moved with them; Sept. 3rd, 1851, Uncle Ira's wife Delilah, died, and he was left with quite a family of children. Grandmother felt it her duty to stay and over-see in the interest of his household; this she did until her death which occurred Aug. 1st, 1853, after an illness of five days, with flux; she seemed to be beyond the reach of medical skill from the first, and failed rapidly; her age was 74 years and five months. Her funeral was held at the home of her son, Ira, conducted by Rev. Waite of Woodstock, Ohio, a Universalist minister of noted ability. The text was "Whereas in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Treacle Creek church. Neither she nor grandfather joined any church after coming to Ohio. Grandmother was very dear to me; altho having some peculiar ways, she was steadfast in her principles of truth, right, and justice, and was a worthy woman.

This brings us to the close of the second generation of the Freeman family of whom all have long since passed away. The third generation of the family, consisting of the nine children of George Warren Freeman, Sr., have also passed on to the great beyond, but their descendants still live to perpetuate their memory, and to fill up the places made vacant by their ancestors; and we

who are to follow after them, fain would remember and think of them, as the years pass on.

Our dearest joys, and nearest friends,  
The partners of our blood,—  
How they divide our wavering minds,  
And leave hut half for God!

The fondness of a creatures love,—  
How strong it strikes the sense!  
Thither the warm affections move,  
Nor can we call them thence,"

E'en now by faith we join our hands  
On the eternal shore.  
And greet the ransomed, happy bands,  
With those who have gone before;

## CHAPTER V.

The oldest child of George Warren, and Judith Freeman was born at their home on Freeman street road and died in infancy; she was the oldest of the third generation.

Lecy, second child of George Warren, and Judith Freeman, was born at Freeman street, near Auburn, N. Y., in 1804., here she was reared and lived, going with her parents to Ontario County, near Canadice.

She was married to Mr. Willard Stevens in 1822. They were the parents of three children,—one son, two daughters. The oldest, Calvin Luther, was born near Canadice in 1823, a year later, his parents moved to Olean Point, in Cattaraugus County, N. Y. Nancy Emeline, was born at Olean Point, Oct. 1st, 1825. Eliza Ann, was born at Olean Point, Jan. 28th, 1828.

The mother, Lecy Stevens, no doubt suffered from exposure, the country being new, and the comforts of life not easily obtained; she was seized with a severe cold which developed into hasty consumption and resulted in her death about Sept. 1828. She had sent for her mother to come and care for her. This grandmother did, remaining until sometime after her daughter's death, to care for the little ones; the youngest was just beginning to walk. When she had to return to her own home, Mr. Stevens took the children to his mother's home to be cared for.

After some years the Stevens families removed to Ohio, settling in Trumbull County about the year 1835, here the Stevens children were reared.





Calvin Luther, the oldest of Aunt Letcy's children came to visit his mother's people in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1847, and remained with us eight or nine months. While at our home, he, with the rest of us came down with measles which disease was epidemic in our neighborhood at that time. Cousin Calvin was a very sick man and one night his life was despaired of, but in the morning he had changed for the better. Grandmother and my parents worked faithfully over him all through the night. When he recovered he returned to his home.

Calvin was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in Co. I, 6th Regt. O. V. C. at Warren, Ohio, in 1861. After one year's service he was discharged for physical disability. He was never married, but made his home with a friend, Mr. G. W. Kennedy, who cared for him in his last sickness; his death occurred July 2nd, 1896; his age was about 73 years. His remains were laid in the soldiers' cemetery at Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio.

Nancy Emeline was reared in Trumbull County and was married to Josiah A. Rogers, May 14, 1844. They lived near Kirtland, Lake County, Ohio. They were the parents of eight children.

Letcy, the oldest, was born March 28th, 1845. She was reared and educated near Kirtland, Ohio; also spent one year in College at Hillsdale, Mich., and taught several terms of school. She was married to Benjamin F. Cottrell on July 5, 1869. They are the parents of one child, Emma Evelyn Cottrell who was reared and educated near Mulberry Corners, Geauga County. She also attended school at Chardon. Emma was married at the home of her parents, Feb. 3rd, 1902, to Mr. Chauncey R. Pace. They are the parents of four children: Marie E., Neva M., Charles F., and Glen R. Pace. These young people are engaged in farming near Willoughby, O. The mother belongs to the sixth generation of Freemans, her children belong to the seventh, the grandmother being the oldest one of our fifth generation; the author has never met her personally but through some years of correspondence has found her to be an intelligent, Christian woman.

Leona E., second child of Nancy and Josiah Rogers was born near Kirtland, Ohio. She was educated there and also attended college at Hillsdale, Mich., where she graduated and then taught school many years. She is an excellent woman, and has tried to fill her mother's place in the home, thus endearing herself to her brothers and sisters, who speak of her in terms of the highest praise. She was married at the home of her parents to Mr. W. S. Hobart, by the Rev. George Bronson, pastor of the Congregational church at Kirtland. Not long after she became a widow, and remained so for many years. Then she married Mr. A. J. McWethy, an old



RUBIE B. AIKEN



RUBIE MILDRED AIKEN

DESCENDANTS OF LETCY FREEMAN STEVENS



friend and neighbor, in Lake County, Ohio. They reside in Lorain, Ohio.

Leona is the mother of one child, Rubie Blandena, born Nov. 19, 1872, she possessed a sunny disposition and grew to be a lovely girl—an ideal woman—in her home life she was always happy and surrounded by loving friends and relatives. She possessed rare musical talent, and received her musical education in Cleveland, Ohio. She studied under Prof. Wilson G. Smith, who is called one of America's greatest artists and composers. Rubie occupied the position of soloist in her home church at Lorain and no musical gathering was complete without her. She married Mr. David H. Aiken, a lawyer, who has practiced in Lorain for a number of years. To them was born one child, Rubie Mildred, born March 6th, 1902. This child, like her mother, is gifted in music, and also has the happy, loving disposition, and is religiously inclined. Mildred is the oldest member of the seventh generation of the Freeman family.

The sweet spirit of the mother, Rubie B. Aiken was summoned to her heavenly home, Aug. 21st, 1910, after much patient suffering from a complication of diseases. Her early death is deeply mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Francis Wayland Rogers was born near Kirtland, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, received his education in the school near his home and also at Hillsdale college, and taught school when a young man. He was married June 20th, 1875, to Miss Helen Warburton of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a machinist in that city. They are the parents of three sons.

Roy, the oldest is a book-keeper for a firm in the city of Cleveland; he was married in 1905 to Miss Clara Hartman of Cleveland.

Frank Alden, second son of F. W. and Helen Rogers, married Miss Zenia L. Chase of Cleveland Ohio. They now live in Denver, Colorado.

The youngest son of Wayland and Helen Rogers is Charles Lincoln. He was married in 1906 to Miss Lena Wright of Cleveland, Ohio. They are the parents of two children,—Eleanor Beatrice, born Dec. 29, 1906, and Kenneth Frank, born Aug. 27, 1908, in Elysria, Ohio.

They are now living in Paducah, Ky. Charles is a moulder by trade.

Helen, wife of Wayland Rogers, died July 5th, 1912, in a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, where she had undergone an operation for the removal of a tumor; she seemed to stand the operation well, lived about two weeks—when she was seized with sinking spells,



and her spirit returned to God. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Kirtland, Ohio.

Viroqua, third daughter of Nancy and Josiah Rogers was born May 14th, 1852, near Kirtland, Ohio. She received her education in the district school; also at Willoughby and attended one year at Hillsdale college in Michigan. She also taught a number of years. We have found her to be an interesting correspondent. She is unmarried and lives with her sister and brother in Lorain, Ohio.

Willard Sumner, fifth child of Nancy and Josiah Rogers was born Dec. 1st, 1856, near Kirtland, attended his home school, also at Willoughby and Lebanon, O. He has been an engineer on the Nickle Plate R. R. for about thirty years. He was married Jan. 12th, 1897, to Miss Mary A. Howard of Conneaut, Ohio. They are the parents of one child, Helen Adena; she was born May 23rd, 1899; their home is in Conneaut, O.

Emma E. Rogers, youngest daughter of Nancy and Josiah Rogers, died when a small child.

Charles Lincoln, youngest child of Nancy and Josiah Rogers, was born near Kirtland, Ohio, Oct. 15th, 1865. He received his education in the home schools and also attended at Willoughby, O. He lived for a number of years in Cleveland, where he was employed in the electrical works. His health failing he went to Lorain to live with his sisters, Leona and Viroqua, he was never married.

Nancy Rogers, the mother of these children, visited us at the old homestead in 1862. We enjoyed her stay among us very much. she was of a quiet unassuming disposition, an industrious Christian woman who cared well for her household. After a severe illness death claimed her, June 7, 1879, aged about 53 years. Her husband, Josiah Rogers, died April 19, 1889.

Eliza Ann, youngest child of Letcy and Willard Stevens was reared in Trumbull County, Ohio, and was never married; she made her home with her sister, Nancy Rogers, and family; her death occurred May 14th, 1859. Her age was 31 years. Her sister, who faithfully cared for her during all her illness; in writing of her death, said, she left this testimony, that she had no fear of death and was happy in the Savior's love, and said to friends, "We need religion to live by, just as much as we need it to die by." Her remains were laid to rest in the family plot in Kirtland Cemetery, where Nancy Rogers and her husband and children, who died in infancy were interred.

Our Aunt Letcy Freeman Stevens was spoken of as an excellent daughter, a loving sister, wife and mother.

Uncle Willard Stevens, was a native of Vermont, he was quite a tall man, rather large built but not fleshy; he had very light hair



FRANK WAYLAND ROGERS  
ROY SUMNER ROGERS  
CHARLIE PENNY ROGERS  
HELEN WARBURTON ROGERS  
FRANK ALDEN ROGERS



and blue eyes and fair complexion. In his young manhood he was a great worker in timber, and hauled many loads of logs across Lake Champlain on the ice. He had a very narrow escape at one time when the ice began to give way; he sprang from the load and quickly unloosed the horses; as it was, one horse perished and the other struggled to safety. Uncle Stevens was quite a pedestrian, at one time when my father was going to drive about sixty miles with a load of wheat in a sleigh drawn by two horses, Uncle Stevens set out to walk the distance, I do not know whether there was a wager or not but he arrived at their destination one hour ahead of the sleigh, about sun-down, having walked the entire distance.

The sleighing was fine, but the next day before sundown the snow had disappeared. Uncle Stevens paid a visit to our home while grandmother was yet living in 1847 or 1848. Ten years after the death of our Aunt Letcy, Mr. Stevens married Margaret Scott of Trumbull County. One daughter was born to them, Orvil Stevens. The family removed to Hillsdale, Mich., some years later, where Orvil grew to womanhood and married Mr. Martindale. After the death of the second wife, Margaret, Uncle Stevens was cared for by the daughter, Orvil, the remainder of his life. His death occurred July 3rd, 1882. His age was nearly 86 years.

This closes the record of Letcy Freeman Stevens who was the oldest of the third generation and her descendants together with their married companions down to the present time.

## CHAPTER VI.

Russel, oldest son of George Warren and Judith Freeman was born near Auburn, N. Y., in 1806. He was about 14 years old when his father sold the farm and moved to near Canadice, Ontario County, N. Y. When Russel was about 19 years of age, he went to the home of his sister, Letcy Stevens, who with her husband and family had removed to Olean Point, N. Y., and was engaged with his brother-in-law in cutting timber and clearing land for farming purposes; he had not been there long when he fell ill with typhus fever and although everything possible was done for him he passed to the great beyond, his death occurred the latter part of 1825. The loss of this oldest son was a severe shock to the parents and family. There being no railroads in those days it was impossible to remove his remains to the home of his parents, and they were interred near Olean Point, where three years later the sister, Letcy, was also laid to rest.





## CHAPTER VII.

Warren Freeman second son of George Warren and Judith Freeman was born at the home on Freeman street road, four miles from Auburn, N. Y., on Sept. 10th, 1808, where he lived until the spring of 1820, when his father removed to Ontario County, near Canadice; near this village was a small lake by the same name, the outlet of which ran across one end of grandfather's barn lot. Warren attended the common schools, arithmetic being his favorite study, but he was also fond of reading. At the age of 18 years he returned to his old home, and staid with relatives one winter and attended the Flemming school. When at home he often spent his evenings at the homes of Jones Gilbert and Giles Sisson who were willing to instruct any who would come to them after working hours. In this way he acquired a better knowledge of business while pursuing his studies, and he ever cherished the memory of these instructors. When Warren was 23 years old he became very sick from being over-heated while working in the harvest field and drinking too much cold water, which caused congestion. His physicians told him his only chance for life was to be salivated, this he consented to and recovered slowly, but not fully. He suffered from the effects of the Calomel all his life. He was married to Miss Susan Maria Sergeant, oldest daughter of Rev. Isaac and Susan Sergeant, May 10th, 1832, by the Rev. Caleb Briggs at the Congregational church near Bald Hill. They returned to the home of the bride's parents and enjoyed an excellent dinner with relatives and friends. Soon after they went to the home of his parents, living in a part of his father's house. It seemed that Warren's father needed his help in the management of the farm, and depended on him; (the other boys in the family jokingly called him "Governor"). While living there they became the parents of the author of this history. A second child was born, and died an infant. After living there five years grandfather sold the farm and removed to Ohio; this we have recorded in a previous chapter. Warren and family and his brother John and family following some months later; in the meantime a son was born to them. In August the two sons and their families started for Ohio making the journey in a covered wagon, after traveling three and a half weeks we arrived at the home of grand-father Freeman, who had bought a farm and settled near Mechanicsburg. This was a very wearisome journey and we were glad indeed when we reached our destination.

On the farm which our grandparents purchased of Mr. Woodward was a double log cabin with one frame room upstairs that was plastered and used as a bedroom. There was also an addition-



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al frame building that added much to the comfort of the family; it also contained a brick oven where many pies, puddings and cakes and many a crock of beans were baked. Some time later Warren bought two and one-half acres of land on the hill facing Main street, Mechanicsburg, and built a house there and lived in it a short time. In the year of 1840 he traded his property for 50 acres of land, and removed his family there but his health was so poor he could not attend to the farm work. Then he and his family were moved to his parent's home at their request; his father thought he could assist him as soon as he recovered; his trouble was malaria and heart disease, many times he was thought to be dying with palpitation. He sold his farm to Thomas Douglass, whose descendants still own and occupy it.

Warren's health improved and he was able to direct the farm work and here remained nearly twenty-five years. His father deeded fifty acres to him and he bought thirty of his mother and also his brother Ira's farm, west of him, and later, other land that joined him and this constituted the old home place where the three younger children were born and grew to manhood and womanhood. In the year 1867 father sold the farm to Benjamin Bunker. In 1865 he bought a house with a store-room combined in the village of Texas, now called Mutual, and in April following moved his family to that place; (at this time the family at home consisted of the oldest and youngest daughters and two younger sons, the mother having been called home in 1855 and the other son and daughter were married.) About this time the country was startled by the news of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and the Nation was in mourning.

The farm, previously spoken of was rented to George W. Freeman. In 1866 Warren Freeman paid a visit to his native State, N. Y., and while there was married to Mrs. Lucy Saxbe, who was also there on a visit. They returned to his home in the village of Mutual. Perhaps it would be well to state here that the price paid for the property in Mutual was \$1,500.00 and father owned another house and lot in the same village, for which he paid \$500.00. This property was occupied by a daughter, Mrs. Susie McAdams and family for four years, and was then deeded to her sister, Juliette Lafferty, who also was given a deed for the first named property by her father during his last illness. His widow refused to sign the deeds and therefore held a dower interest in same for her lifetime, a period of ten years, and the sum paid to her was \$723.00. The owner keeping up all expenses, such as repairs and taxes on property.

In the year 1878 Warren Freeman began to fail in health and in August he was stricken with a severe chill and failed gradually. Although not confined to his bed, he was unable to do any work,



and remained indoors during the winter months. In April he became much worse and lingered until the 15th of May, 1879, when God called him from a world of suffering and sorrow. The physicians did not seem to understand the nature of his disease and it was by his request that a post-mortem was held. The examination revealed cancer of the stomach. His funeral was held in the Methodist church in Mutual, conducted by Rev. S. M. Carey, assisted by Rev. Wm. Claybaugh, a Presbyterian minister. The remains were interred in the cemetery nearby. The following Hymn was sung by a quartette of old acquaintances who were styled the "Old Fogies" they were Nathan Adams, W. H. McFarland, John H. Runyon and H. C. Harper:

Hark from the tomb a doleful sound,  
Mine ears attend the cry,  
Ye living men come view the ground,  
Where you must shortly lie.

Princes, this clay must be your bed,  
In spite of all your towers;  
The tall, the wise, the reverend head,  
Must lie as low as ours.

Great God! is this our certain doom?  
And are we still secure?  
Still walking downward to the tomb,  
And yet prepared no more?

Grant us the power of quickening grace  
To fit our souls to fly;  
Then, when we drop this dying flesh,  
We'll rise above the sky.

*Isaac Watts*

Susan Maria Sergeant, wife of Warren Freeman and mother of the writer of this history, was born Oct. 12th, 1805, in Orange County, New York. When she was nine years of age, her parents removed to the vicinity of Newark, N. J. Our maternal grandmother was reared within nine miles of New York City, her parents being Caleb and Esther Johnson. Great grandfather Johnson was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was wounded at the Battle of Trenton.

Sergeant was reared near Newark, N. J. Grandfather was a tailor by trade, and was also a minister in the Congregational church, and labored in the ministry about forty years, (his father having been a Presbyterian minister.) Grandfather had some pe-

culiar ideas, he believed a minister should earn his living by the sweat of his brow, as other men do who work to earn their daily bread, therefore he would never accept any salary for his services even though frequently urged to do so by his congregation; he was a very interesting speaker and quite an intelligent man. Mother was converted and joined the Congregational Church at the age of fifteen; she was a member of the church choir, and a teacher in the Sabbath school which was something new in those days in the churches in America; she had her catechism, which also contained the Ten Commandments, and these she began teaching me, as soon as I was old enough to spell and pronounce words. This book of Catechism, also contained a poem written by John Rogers who was burned at the stake—a martyr for his steadfast belief in the Bible and for teaching the Christian religion.

Mother learned tailoring in her father's shop, and worked at that four years. She taught school one year with marked success. Her parents had removed to Rochester, N. Y., and later to Canadice, where she met and married father, May 10, 1832. To them were born seven children—Juliette, George, Henry H., Susanna M., J. Annette and Argus Leroy, and one other, their second child who died in infancy. Our mother's last sickness began in the spring of 1855, and neither food or medicine seemed to do her any good, and she failed gradually until July 27, the same year, when she passed peacefully away. The physicians pronounced her ailment a complication of diseases; to me, her death was a great loss, when she knew she could not recover, she imparted to me her wishes in regard to the care and teaching of my younger sisters and brother, Leroy, who was but six years of age, and impressed on me the responsibility of looking after brother Henry who was ever a frail lad, and my father also whose health was not of the best.

As our mother died before the art of photography was very well known, perhaps a description of her would not be out of place on these pages.

Her height was five feet and one-half inches. Her weight when in good health about 120 pounds. Hair, dark brown, with dark blue gray eyes, fair complexion, nose, mouth and chin delicately formed, her countenance had an expression of worth and sincerity. She was very industrious and economical. Her funeral was held at the Treacle Creek Church, conducted by Rev. Timothy Johnson, a Methodist minister, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place, but later were removed to the Mutual cemetery and placed beside those of our father, this being requested by him.

As we mentioned, a few pages back, our father was married to his second wife, Mrs. Lucy Saxbe in May, 1866, with whom he lived for thirteen years. She was a woman who had many









returned to my father's home, where an excellent wedding supper was awaiting us and our relatives and friends who had been invited to welcome and extend congratulations to us.

My husband was born Sept. 28, 1837, at Texas, now Mutual, Ohio; he was a son of William and Mary Wilson Lafferty and a descendant from a staunch old Methodist family who were pioneers in that section; here he was reared and spent his life with the exception of one year in the State of Texas and about two years in Edgar County, Illinois, where he was teaching school, and three years spent in the service of his country, being a member of the 45th Regt. O. V. I. After the war was ended he returned to his old home and the following winter again took up the profession of school teaching and continued in this work together with farming until the spring of 1870, when he purchased a half interest in the general store in Mutual; later he bought out his partner and continued in this business for eleven years; he was also Postmaster during this time and held the office until the spring of 1885. He filled various offices of trust in the village and township, being identified with the public affairs of the community all his life. When quite a young man he was converted and became a member of the M. E. Church, and ever after as long as his health permitted, took a very active part in Christian work; he was a good singer and for years was the leader of the church choir, teacher of the Men's Bible class, also superintendent of the Sabbath School.

For many years he suffered with stomach trouble and during the five years before his death the trouble increased noticeably. On New Year's day, 1892, he was stricken with La Grippe and this finally affected his lungs, causing his death on May 12, 1892, aged almost 56 years. His remains were laid to rest in the Mutual Cemetery, his funeral being conducted by the Rev. I. C. Page, and the burial service of the G. A. R. was in charge of William A. Brand Post of Urbana; the Masonic Lodge of Mechanicsburg also attended in a body, he being a member for many years. We, Juliette and John Lafferty, were the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. Our oldest, William Sherman, was born in the village of Mutual, Ohio, August 27, 1867; he was of a bright, sunshiny nature but we were not permitted to keep him but five short years, typhoid pneumonia, following a severe struggle with whooping cough, caused his death, August 17, 1872. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Mutual by the side of his baby sister, Fannie, who died nine days previous.

Our second child, Mary Mildred, was born one-half mile East of Mutual, July 12, 1869; she was three years old when we lost our other children, and she too was very ill with the same disease and was for a time in a serious condition, but God in His mercy spared her life and we were not left childless. At the age of seven years she was seriously ill for many weeks with typhoid



fever, and for a time it seemed we would not be permitted to keep her, and while in delirium she fell from the bed causing a dislocation of her left hip; this was the source of weeks of suffering for her and anxiety to us, but again her life was spared. Then when almost restored to health, she again fell a prey to disease; the scarlet fever was epidemic in the community at that time and in some manner was communicated to our children, we had a boy baby, a year old; Mary escaped with only a light attack, but our baby was not able to withstand the terrible disease, and again we were left with only one child in our home. Our daughter grew to womanhood without undergoing any other severe illness and has been the house-keeper and nurse in our home since her seventeenth birthday; as it was that summer that typhoid fever again visited our home and left me an invalid for life. She received her schooling in the village of Mutual; was converted and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been an active worker in Sabbath School, and Epworth League where-ever she has resided; also a worker in W. C. T. U and missionary societies, and has served in various offices in these organizations.

Fannie Maria, our third child was born January 23rd, 1872, in the village of Mutual, and died August 8, 1872.

John Hayes, our fourth child, was born January 23rd, 1876, and died March 17th, 1877, after a three weeks' illness with scarlet fever.

Hugh Henry, our youngest child, was born Nov. 3rd, 1877, in Mutual, Ohio. He was never a robust child, but passed through the diseases common to childhood safe, and also through an attack of typhoid fever when nine years old. This left his eyes in a weakened condition and compelled him to use glasses at an early age. In the spring of 1892 he graduated from the common school; and in the late autumn we removed to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, where Henry entered high school, graduating in June, 1895, when less than eighteen years of age. He passed the teacher's examination that spring, and received a certificate to teach, but his youthful appearance was against him, and he failed to secure a school. He secured employment in the hardware store of Hunter and Osborn and remained with them two years. In Sept., 1897, he began his first work as a teacher, being employed to teach the school at Nashville, a suburb of Mechanicsburg; he was very successful in his teaching and was retained for the next year. In 1899 he taught the school in Goshen Township, known as Five Points district, and the following September entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, remaining through the fall and winter terms and again worked in the hardware store through the spring season, and in September entered upon his fourth year of teaching in the Wild Rose district in Union Township, and the following September, 1902, we removed to Delaware, Ohio, where

Henry re-entered O. W. U. and remained four years, graduating in June with the class of 1906. In the following September we returned to Mechanicsburg. Henry going to Harrison Township, Champaign County, where he superintended the schools and taught the first year high school in Spring Hill. In September, 1907, he became Principal of the centralized high school at Selma, Clark County, Ohio, also having charge of the musical department; he taught here one year, and decided to enter the ministry. He passed the examination and was recommended by the Board of the M. E. Church of Mechanicsburg, and by the Pastor, Rev. J. W. Gaddis, to the Cincinnati Conference, and at the next session of same was appointed to supply the circuit at Gordon, Ohio, twenty-three miles northwest of Dayton. The circuit comprised four churches, situated at Gordon and Pittsburg in Darke County, West Baltimore, and West Sonora in Preble County. The parsonage is located at Gordon and we removed there Nov. 7, 1908.

As evidence of his success this first year, thirty-six new members were added to the churches on the circuit, and at the session of Conference in 1909, he was returned to Gordon for another year, and the second year twelve members were added to the circuit. He attended the annual session of Conference, which was held in Cincinnati, the first week in September, 1910, but had decided not to accept work, as he felt the need of a rest, and rededicated to return to our old home in Mutual, which we had not occupied since the fall of 1892, and made our preparations for removal to that place, shipping our goods, and leaving Gordon, Saturday morning, September 24th. \* \* \* \* \*

The death of the mother of this family occurred two days after leaving Gordon, the details of the sad occurrence will be found on another page.

After the death of their mother, Henry Lafferty and his sister, Mary moved into their house in Mutual, and remained there until the holidays; some few weeks before this Henry decided to go South for the winter. He had planned to be married about this time, and on December 15th, 1910, was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Linder of Pittsburg, Ohio, by the Rev. S. O. Royal, at his home in Dayton, Ohio. The bride was an attractive and popular school teacher in Montgomery County, for several years, and received her education at Brookville, and attended summer schools at Westerville and Oxford, Ohio, besides taking a course in a Dayton Business College; this business course was abruptly terminated by an inter-urban electric car wreck in the northern edge of Dayton. For a time her life was despaired of, and it was thought she would lose her left arm, which had been crushed in the wreck, for many weeks she suffered in the Miami Valley Hospital, but finally recovered as if by miracle.



Her mother dying when she was less than two years old, Lulu was reared as her own, by her Aunt, Mrs. B. A. Snyder. She is an earnest and effective Christian worker, also active in the work of the W. C. T. U. The bride and groom, together with his sister, Mary, left Ohio, January 2, 1911, going to St. George, Ga., where he was appointed pastor of the M. E. Church; another point, Crawford, Fla., ten miles east, was also on this charge. From Cincinnati we went direct to Chattanooga, Tenn., stopping a night and a day, we visited Lookout Mountain and the University buildings, then continuing our journey to Atlanta, where we spent twenty-four hours; here we called on our mother's cousin, Charles Sergeant and daughter, he is eighty years of age, but still active in business, being cashier in the office of the Southern R. R., a position he has held many years.

Resuming our journey we reached Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 6th, and from there we went 28 miles west to St. George, Ga., here we spent about eight months in a successful pastorate, and returned to Ohio, to prepare for a trip to New York and Boston, Henry having secured an appointment to preach at North Dana and North Prescott, Mass., while attending Theological school in Boston, going to and from the latter place each week, a distance of ninety-three miles. On our way to Massachusetts we had the pleasure of a visit with our uncles in New Jersey. The events of the past year serve to show us that this was a most opportune time for our visit. Our Aunt, Annette Gove, accompanied us East, as far as Paterson, to visit her two brothers.

The past summer all three have passed over to the other shore. Thus, four of the children of Warren Freeman have answered the last summons in less than two years.

Hugh Henry and Lulu Lafferty are the parents of a daughter, Marjorie Ruth, who was born Feb. 18th, 1912, at the Methodist

This closes the record of the family of the writer. parsonage in North Dana, Mass.

To return to my own personal history, in appearance I was not robust, having some severe spells of illness, both while young and later when in a home of my own, but with no serious results until the summer of 1886, when as I have mentioned before, I was stricken with typhoid fever and was not out of my bed for sixty days; and it was a month later before I could be dressed and sit up in an easy chair. The fever left me with some muscular ailment and I never fully regained the proper use of my limbs, neither could I put on or adjust my clothing alone, or dress my hair, and during these twenty-four years I have had to use either a cane or crutch, sometimes both, to aid me in walking, and have required the assistance of my daughter in many ways all these years.

In 1897 while we were living in Mechanicsburg, I suffered a severe attack of malaria fever, but since then have had nothing more serious than la grippe; for many years I have not been able to walk any distance or to stand for any length of time, and could not sit at a table or desk and write as others do, but have done all my writing, both in correspondence and history by holding a board across my knees on which I could place my writing material. Since my marriage my home has been in Mutual, twenty-three and one-half years; three years in the country, eleven in Mechanicsburg, four in the city of Delaware, and two years in Gordon, Ohio. I was converted and became a member of the M. E. Church in Mutual when a young woman and taught a class of young girls in the Sabbath School at that time; for many years I did not have the privilege of attending church services, but since my residence in the parsonage at Gordon, I have often enjoyed attendance at Divine worship; the distance between the church and parsonage being but a few steps, I can easily walk there, when the weather is not too cold for me to be out, and I am very grateful to our Heavenly Father who has bestowed this blessing on me.

(Written the summer of 1910, at Gordon, Ohio.)

We will close this record of the writer of the Freeman history with the obituary, as read at her funeral, which occurred September 28th, 1910, in the M. E. Church, at Mutual, Ohio, conducted by Rev. Herbert Killinder. The remains were interred in the family lot in the cemetery near the church by the side of her husband and three children.

## OBITUARY

Juliette Freeman, daughter of Warren and Maria Freeman, was born near Canadice, N. Y., February 23, 1833. She came to Ohio with her parents when four years old, and with the exception of a short residence in Mechanicsburg, almost all of her childhood was spent, two miles north of that place on the farm near Bowen's cross roads.

She attended school at Treacles creek and also attended a select school taught by Robert Wilson in Mechanicsburg.

On the death of her mother in 1855 the care of the home rested largely on her, she being the oldest of a family of six children. In the spring of 1865 her father left the farm and they removed to Mutual, here she was united in marriage to John Lafferty of Mutual, September 17th, 1866. To them were born five children, three of whom died in infancy. Nearly all of her married life was



spent in Mutual. She was bereft of her husband, May 12, 1892. In the following December, she, with her son, Henry and daughter, Mary, removed to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, where they made their home almost ten years.

In the fall of 1901, they removed to Delaware, Ohio, where they lived four years while the son was a student in the University. In 1906 they returned to Mechanicsburg, where they lived while the son was away teaching. The last two years have been spent in the pastorate of Gordon circuit and there Mrs. LaFerty made many friends. The parsonage life was a source of constant enjoyment to her, being located near the church, she often had the privilege of attendance at the services. At the expiration of these two years the family decided to return to their old home at Mutual for a temporary rest. They shipped their household goods and were on their way home when death overtook the mother, September 26th, 1910. They had stopped at the home of G. W. Freeman, her oldest brother, near Dialton, to rest over the Sabbath. Acute pneumonia did its fatal work in only a few hours.

She enjoyed the long drive through Darke and Miami Counties on Saturday, and on the Sabbath day she seemed as well as usual with the exception of what seemed to be an ordinary cold. No thought of any serious condition came to us, cruel death came unsuspected. The opinion of the physician was that death could not have been averted. But this is not death—she is only sleeping; it is only a translation to a higher life. She has gone to meet the loved ones on the other shore, who have been waiting for her; we have faith to believe we can still have her spiritual presence with us.

There remain to mourn the loss of this sister three brothers, G. W. Freeman of Dialton, Ohio; H. H. Freeman of Paterson, N. J., and A. L. Freeman, of Passaic, N. J., and two sisters, Mrs. Susie McAdams of Salina, Kansas, and Mrs. Annette Gove, of Mechanicsburg. During the later years of her life the deceased has shown a great interest in the annual unions of the Freeman family—and for several years she has been laboring to gather the details for a complete family history. It was almost finished. In all her life she has shown the greatest care and thoroughness in whatever she has undertaken to do. She did her work slowly but when it was done it was thoroughly done.

Mother, we bid you good-bye. Your memory will ever be sacred to us. You have done your part in sacrifice; you have shared the family devotions in all these years. Thou hast been faithful unto death and now we know thou hast received a crown of life. In our fleshly weakness we weep for thee; but in our faith we glory in the reward that is yours.

"O, death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory!"—We have faith to believe that "Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face."

We claim the Holy Comforter, we claim the promises of Christ, we await the great family reunion in that Heaven which is not far away when Jesus is near.

(H. H. L.)

Francena, second child of Warren and Susan M. Freeman, was born near Canadice N. Y., December 6, 1834, and died in infancy.

George Warren, oldest son of Warren and Susan M. Freeman, was born May 9, 1837, near Canadice, N. Y., removed to Ohio with his parents when about four months old. He received his education in the district school, and attended school a short time in Mechanicsburg, and taught the school in his home district one term; but he has been a farmer nearly all his life, and with the exception of about eight years spent near Xenia, Ill., has always lived in Ohio.

He was married to Miss Priscilla Polock, December 16th, 1858, in Urbana, Ohio, by the Rev. M. Dustin.

To them were born five children, Ida May, Effie Maria, Chase Lincoln, Warren Ross and Charles Freeman.

Ida M. was born November 25, 1859, in Goshen Township, two and a half miles north of Mechanicsburg, removing with her parents to Clay County, Ill., at the age of eight years, where they lived until May, 1875, when the family returned to Ohio and resided on a farm near Mutual.

Ida M. was married to Mr. George Middleton, March 17th, 1880. They resided in Champaign County for about eight years, being engaged in farming; they removed to Colchester, Ill., in 1888, returning to Ohio in 1894. Mr. Middleton opened a meat market in Urbana. There they have resided ever since with the exception of two years on their own farm two miles north of that city. To them were born three children, the oldest, James Vernon, was born near Kennard, Ohio, October 22nd, 1883; he attended the public school in Urbana, and assisted his father in the meat market; he also worked at house painting, and later he became interested in automobiles and became so proficient in handling them that he was employed as a chauffeur, and it was while driving the car for a party of young people that he met his death, October 18th, 1904, while running at a good speed on a public road in Clarke County, they ran into an open bridge that was unguarded and displayed no signal to warn travelers of the danger; the car plunged over the embankment and was wrecked; the occupants all receiving injuries, but Vernon was found to be fatally hurt. He was taken from the wreck in an unconscious state and died in about twenty minutes.





He was a member of Company D, 3rd Regiment O. N. G., holding the office of Corporal; his body was clothed in his uniform and the casket draped in the Stars and Stripes; the funeral was held in the First M. E. Church of Urbana, the Company being present in a body, commanded by Captain Leonard; services were conducted by Rev. Ahrams.

The death of this young man was a sad blow to his parents and friends and cast a gloom over the entire community.

Warren Thomas, second son of Ida and George Middleton, was born near Mingo, Ohio, August 16, 1887. He began assisting in his father's meat market, when a small lad, and after his school days were ended became a meat cutter. Warren was married to Miss Edna Frazee at the home of her parents in Ridgeville, Ind., February 20, 1907. They began house-keeping in Urbana, but a few months later removed to Ridgeville, where Warren became a partner with his father-in-law in the undertaking business, after completing a course in a school of embalming and passing the examinations successfully. His wife is a milliner and conducts a shop in Ridgeville. They are the parents of one child, George Elbert, born November 22, 1907.

Clela Zenobia, youngest child of Ida and George Middleton, was born November 13th, 1893, at Colchester, Illinois. When she was less than a year old her parents returned to Ohio, settling in Urbana. Clela attended the public school; graduating from the grades she became a student in Urbana High School. From her early childhood she has shown a marked talent for music and has spent much time and effort along this line; her ability being recognized by teachers and friends. She has assisted in many entertainments in her home city, where her services are much appreciated.

Effie Maria, second child of George W. and Priscilla Freeman, was born August 8, 1861, in Goshen Township, on the old Freeman farm. When she was but three weeks old her parents removed to the Barrett farm, west of Mutual, where they remained one year, then returning to the old home farm. At the age of six years she removed with the parents to Clay County, Illinois, where they resided some years, when they returned to Ohio. Effie was married November 4th, 1877, in Springfield, Ohio, to Mr. Jacob E. Knaub, who was a native of Clark County, his parents' home being in the vicinity of Springfield. They have always lived in Champaign County. They now own and occupy a good farm near Eris, Ohio. This home they have acquired through their own efforts and industry and represents years of toil and sacrifice; they enjoy the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. They are the parents of four daughters; Adaline Gertrude, Sarah Rebecca, Mary Alice, and Effie Miriam Knaub.

Adaline G. was born March 1st, 1879. She received a good common school education, and has been an active, energetic worker in the Concord M. E. Church and Sabbath School for a number of years. She was married to Mr. Franklin Zimmerman, April 30th, 1903, at the Methodist parsonage in Urbana, Ohio, by the Rev. E. H. Cherrington; this worthy couple reside near Eris and are farmers.

Sarah R., second child of Effie and J. E. Knaub, was born near Mutual, O., March 24th, 1881. She was diligent in school, but was never strong enough to pursue her studies very far. She is industrious and an excellent house-keeper. She was married October 6th, 1908, at the home of her parents, to Mr. Marion A. Frantz of Spring Hill, Ohio, by the Rev. Mr. Briggs. They occupy and operate a farm near Eris, O., and are faithful members of the Concord M. E. Church.

Mary Alice, third daughter of Effie and J. E. Knaub, was born near Mount Tabor, July 5th, 1884. She received her education in the district schools, and like her sisters is very industrious and energetic, and a good house-keeper. Alice was married at her parents' home, November 15th, 1905, to Mr. John N. Miller of the vicinity of Eris, by Rev. J. F. McColm. They live on a large farm near Piqua, Ohio. They are the parents of one child, Margaret Ethel, born July 2nd, 1908, near Eris, Ohio. She is the only grandchild of Effie and J. E. Knaub.

Effie Miriam, youngest child of Effie and J. E. Knaub, was born February 12th, 1892, in Urbana, Ohio, and when in her fourteenth year, on Thanksgiving morning, November 30th, 1905, after some months' of suffering with Bright's disease, God called her to her Heavenly home. Effie had a joyous, sunny disposition, was studious in school, and greatly beloved by teachers and school-mates, and idolized by parents and sisters and her early death cast a gloom over the neighborhood. Her remains were laid to rest in the Concord Cemetery.

Chase Lincoln, oldest son of George W. and Priscilla Freeman, was born at the old home farm in Goshen Township, January 28th, 1864. He removed to Clay County, Illinois, with the family at the age of three years and returning to Ohio, at the age of twelve years, he worked on the farm until he grew to manhood. He was married September 10th, 1885, to Miss Emma E. Lyons of near Mutual. Soon after his marriage, Chase began work in the Woodward Flour Mill on Buck Creek and later worked at milling in Urbana some time going from there to a farm near Dalton, Ohio. From this place he removed to Clermont County, where he operated a farm, for a time, removing from thence to a suburb of Cincinnati, where he followed black-smithing and later became a worker in cement; after a time he returned



with his family to Urbana, becoming a contractor for cement work. To these parents were born five children: James Warren, Herbert Bryan, Leah Marie, Russel Sage, and Argus Leroy.

James W. was born in 1886, near Pisgah; he learned the cement business and has worked with his father and was also a conductor on one of the electric street car lines in Cincinnati. He married Miss Anna Lee of Cincinnati and they are the parents of two children. Mildred Emma, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 27th, 1908, and Elsie Viola, born in Urbana, Ohio, October 28, 1909.

Herbert Bryan Freeman, second son of Chase L. and Emma Freeman died September 13th, 1912 at the Niles Sanatorium in Urbana, Ohio, where he had undergone two operations for appendicitis. His funeral services were held Sunday, the 15th, under the auspices of the Urbana Lodge, I. O. O. F. Herbert was twenty three years of age and leaves a young wife and two little girls, Zephia and Evanda, to mourn the loss of husband and father.

Leah M., only daughter of Chase and Emma Freeman, was born near Dialton, Ohio, in 1895. While her parents were living in Cincinnati. When she was about nine years of age, she received a hard fall on a stone step, striking her knee and injuring it so much that it has caused her much suffering and made a cripple of her for life; she was very brave through all her suffering, but finally became able to walk by the aid of a cane; she was able to attend school and has become a robust appearing young girl.

Russel S. was born near Dialton in 1898, and Argus L. was born in Cincinnati in 1901. These two young sons of Chase and Emma Freeman, are now with their father in Southern Texas.

Warren Ross, second son of George and Priscilla Freeman, was born October 4th, 1865, and died at the home of his father, near Xenia, Ill., when near five years of age.

Charles Freeman, the fifth and youngest, was born July 4th, 1867, in Goshen Township, near Mechanicsburg, his childhood was spent in Champaign and Hardin Counties; he was married in 1889, to Miss Cora E. Morrison of Hardin County, Ohio, where they lived for a time, then removed to Huntington, Indiana, going from there to Elk Rapids, Mich., and later to Ann Arbor and from thence to Frankfort, Mich., and from there to Temperance, same state. Charles has been a section boss for more than twenty years on the Ann Arbor R. R. and is a very worthy man, enjoying the respect of the officers of the road as well as the men who work under his guidance. Two children were born to this couple, Ida Lenora and Ora Freeman.

George W. Freeman was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Saxbe, in 1867, in Illinois. She was a native of New York but removed with her parents to Ohio at the age of four years; here she grew to womanhood and later removed to Illinois. To this

union were born seven children; the oldest, Harrison Hial, was born in Clay County, Ill., August 6th, 1868, removed with his parents to Ohio, when seven years of age, where he grew to manhood; he was reared a farmer, but later clerked in a restaurant, and then being greatly interested in horses, he became a trainer of horses for speed. He was married first to Miss Delta Sherlo in February, 1893, living in Clarke County at that time. Two or three years later he removed with his father to London, Ohio, where they embarked in the Hotel business. Hial again became a trainer of horses in Mansfield, Ohio, and there he met and married Miss Loveanna McCouren in the summer of 1899. To them were born two children, Reah Sarah, born in 1900, and Blanche Louise, in 1904, in Mansfield, Ohio. Hial and family have resided in Imperial, Penn., about three years, going from there to Warren, Ohio, and from thence to Springfield, Ohio.

Martin Bowen, second son of George W. and Sarah E. Freeman, was born September 15, 1870, in Clay County, Ill. He was near five years old when his parents removed to Ohio. He was reared on a farm and continued this occupation for several years after his marriage, which event occurred November 18th, 1891, his bride being Miss Ida May Kulencamp; the wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kulencamp, near Urbana, Ohio. To this couple were born three children, Gladys Elizabeth, born September 9th, 1894, near Urbana, Ohio. Glenna Catherine, born near Urbana, August, 31st, 1896; Harold Kulencamp, born June 21st, 1898, in Marion, Ohio, where the family lived some years. While there Martin was employed in the steam shovel works; they removed to Bucyrus, then later to Springfield, Ohio, where he is employed as an assembler in the International Harvester shops.

Lucy Isabelle, born in July, 1872, in Illionis, died at the age of two years. Another child, born in 1877, is also deceased.

George Washington, third son of George W. and Sarah E. Freeman, was born May 28, 1875, near Mutual, Ohio. He was reared on the farm; he learned the plumbing while living in London, Ohio. He was married September 15th, 1897, to Miss Katie Fraher, of London, where they began house-keeping but later removed to Springfield, Ohio. To his couple were born three children: Elden, born September 23rd, 1897; Robert, born June 28, 1899, and Helen, born September 21st, 1900, in Springfield, Ohio. The husband and father of this little family was employed in the Superior Drill Company shops, and while helping to unload a car received injuries which caused his death, after a few days of intense suffering from inflammation of the brain. His death occurred November 14th, 1900; his funeral was held in the Catholic Church in London, and the remains were laid to rest in the



cemetery near. The young wife and children returned to Springfield, where they still reside and where the children now attend the public school.

Sarah Dilsa, youngest daughter of George W. and Sarah E. Freeman, was born near Mutual, Ohio, March 5th, 1879; she received her education in the district schools, removing with her father to Clark County, when eleven years of age; a few years later the family removed to London. She was married in 1897, to Mr. Wilbur Snapp. They returned to their former home at Dialton, where they were engaged in farming; the young husband was stricken with typhoid fever two years later and died October 12th, 1899, aged about 21 years. Sarah made her home with her mother-in-law and three years later, on October 30th, 1902, she was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Wones of North Hampton, a widower, with a little daughter; for several years they lived on a farm, then removed to the village of N. Hampton, where Mr. Wones kept a meat market and grocery; also superintended a farm. They lived there until in February, 1910, when Mr. Wones disposed of his business interests and removed to a farm near New Carlisle; soon after, Sarah was stricken with illness and on Sabbath, March 13th, 1910, her spirit took its flight to the better world. She and her husband were active members of the M. E. Church at North Hampton; and the funeral was held there and her remains were laid to rest in the Newson Cemetery, near Dialton, Ohio.

William Walter, youngest child of George W. and Sarah E. Freeman, was born, May 29, 1883. He was six years old when his mother died, and a year later his father removed the family to Dialton, and here Walter grew to manhood. He was married December 26th, 1903, to Miss Fern Warner of Addison, Ohio, by Rev. J. L. Dalby, at the parsonage in Dialton. They are the parents of two children, Dorothy Louis, born May 2nd, 1906 in Addison, and Eugene Richard, born January 5th, 1908, at Imperial, Penn., where the family lived for some time; Walter was employed as engineer at a pumping station; they now reside in Springfield, Ohio, where he is employed in the shops.

Sarah E. Saxbe Freeman died at their farm home near Mutual, August 20, 1889, aged 48 years, and her remains rest in the Mutual Cemetery.

George W. Freeman was married to Mrs. Mary Otewalt, of Dialton, Clark County, Ohio, October 26, 1890, by the Rev. Abrams, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ray, pioneers of that vicinity. Mrs. Freeman was their only daughter and faithfully cared for her aged parents until God called them. The father lived to the ripe old age of 95 years. Except a few years spent in London, Ohio, where they were conducting the Farmer's Hotel, all the married life of George W. and Mary Freeman has been spent on the farm near Dialton.

Henry Harrison, second son of Warren and Susan M. Freeman, was born September 9th, 1840, near Treacles Creek, Goshen Township, Ohio. When he was a little more than a year old our parents moved back to our grandfather's farm, where Henry grew to manhood, his health was very poor during his boyhood and young manhood, so he could not attend school regularly, and much of his education was worked out with his books at home. While taking treatment for his ailments. He was never able to do farm work, but worked some with carpenter's tools about the home. At the age of twenty-three he had become stronger and going to Hamilton, Ohio, he secured employment in the steel works; after a time he went to Dayton, Ohio, where he worked in a shop, this was in 1863-4. In the spring of 1865, he returned home and bought a partnership in the general store, owned by William Cheney in Mutual; he remained in the business two years, selling his interest he went to Cincinnati to become traveling salesman for a merchant tailors' furnishing house; he traveled in the West and East, and finally settled in New York City, going into business for himself as a commission merchant, selling silks; about the year 1876 he removed to Paterson, N. J., accepting the position of book-keeper in a silk factory and later purchasing an interest in the Equitable Silk Manufacturing establishment in the city; remained in this business for sixteen years. Then he sold his interest and started in the hotel business. In February, 1902, the hotel was destroyed in the big fire which visited Paterson; as soon as possible he began the work of rebuilding and the present Freeman House is a large building containing all the conveniences and modern appliances for heating and lighting; and the proprietor enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most successful hotel men in the business.

Henry was married to Miss Jane Van Houten on December 14th, 1881. She is the daughter of a wealthy and influential family of Paterson; before her marriage she was a teacher in private schools and had spent several years traveling in Europe. This couple are the parents of one child, John Warren Freeman, born August 10th, 1884, in Paterson. He received his education in the city schools; he was married August 8th, 1906, to Miss Minnie Spyri at the home of the bride's parents in Hackensack, N. J., where they began house-keeping; Jack has been employed as an electrician by the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Company. Henry H. Freeman departed this life May 21st, 1912, after an illness of several months' duration with heart trouble. He was nearly 73 years of age, his funeral was held at his home and interment took place in the cemetery near Paterson.

Susanna Maria, daughter of Warren and Susan M. Freeman, was born July 17, 1843. She was married to Francis M. McAdams, July 17, 1861, at the Weaver House, in Urbana, by Rev.



W. B. Jackson. They are the parents of ten children, Charles Francis, Jeannette Gertrude, Laura Eliza, Eva Maria, Carrie Amelia, Lydia Catherine, Susie Maye, Howard Deuel, Ralph Thomas and Frank Marion.

The mother of this large family has passed through some severe trials of sickness and sorrow, but has been permitted to see her boys and girls grow to maturity, becoming useful and influential citizens in their respective communities. She has been a faithful member of the M. E. Church since young girlhood, and has also been a worker in the W. R. C. of her home city, serving acceptably in the offices of president, secretary and treasurer at different periods. Her husband, Mr. McAdams was reared on the farm, but fitted himself for a teacher and taught in different schools in his home county, both before and after his marriage. He was a soldier, enlisting August 15h, 1862, in the 113th Regt. O. V. I., becoming a sergeant in Company I, serving until the close of the war. Some years later he wrote and published a book, entitled "Every Day Soldier Life," a history of his regiment. He was a member of the firm owning and operating a general store in Mutual for a few years; then disposing of his interest he removed his family to Mingo, Ohio, where he conducted a dry goods store, and was also Postmaster for a number of years. He held different offices of trust in that vicinity, always lending his influence to the best interests of the community, he was a strong advocate of temperance, and bitterly opposed the saloon and all who upheld it, an active, efficient member and worker in the M. E. Church; purchasing a small farm near Richwood, Ohio, in 1881, the family removed to that place. It was here, on November 6, 1886, after a short illness from blood poisoning, that he passed away to the great beyond. He was a member of Livingston Post, G. A. R. and his funeral services were in charge of this body; his remains rest in the Richwood Cemetery.

Charles F., oldest son of Susanna and F. M. McAdams, was born September 5th, 1862, at the home of his grandfather Freeman on the old home farm, where he and his mother lived during the absence of the husband and father in the war. His boyhood years were spent in Mingo. Here he received his education in the public school, also attending a Normal School in Urbana during the summer; he began teaching at the age of eighteen; he taught two years, and in 1882, became a clerk in a dry goods store in Richwood, where he remained two years. Then going to Beloit, Kansas, he occupied a similar position with C. H. Wyncoop; two years later going to Salina, where he held the position of head clerk in the John A. Nelson Dry Goods store. He served six years as deputy under two different treasurers of Salina County, then was elected to the office of treasurer, entering on his duties October, 1894. He was re-elected and served a second term. In



SUSIE FREEMAN MCADAMS



CHARLES F. MCADAMS





November, 1898, he began work for the H. D. Lee Mercantile Co., wholesale grocery house, as cashier. In Jan. 1899, resigned his position and accepted that of Cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Salina. In 1903 he organized and was made president of the Assaria State bank. In December, 1905, resigning his position as Cashier of the Farmers' Bank, also that of president of the Assaria bank, he organized and was made president of the Salina County State Bank, with a capital of \$35,000, the success of which was satisfactory to the stock-holders and officials but later it consolidated with the National Bank of America and Charlie was made first vice-president. He is also president of a small bank at Smolan, Kansas, also holding positions of trust in the city, and was a member of the board of trustees of Kansas Wesleyan University for years; a member of the M. E. Church, being president of the financial board of same. He is level-headed and far-sighted, a kind and thoughtful son, brother and friend. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Jane Alexander, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Moody, near Mechanicsburg, Ohio, November 18th, 1886, and a few days later journeyed to Salina, Kansas, where they have since resided. To this union have been born five children.

Arthur Marion, the oldest, was born December 6, 1887, in Salina; after graduating from High School he entered the law department of the State University at Lawrence, Kansas, and graduated June 7th, 1911. He has occupied a position with the Citizens State Bank at Abilene, Kansas, until recently, when he became Cashier of the Farmers' State Bank at Bennington, Kansas.

Robert Alexander, the second son, was born in Salina, and died of cholera infantum, July 10, 1891, aged about two years.

James Hendrix, third son of C. F. and Elizabeth McAdams was born 1892, in Salina and graduated from the Salina High School with the class of 1911. He has a position in the bank with his father.

Margaret Frances, born in 1899, and Laura Elizabeth, born 1901, in Salina, Kansas, are the young daughters of C. F. and Elizabeth McAdams; they are both strong and healthy. They are pupils in the city schools and are doing well in their studies. They also study music, and often assist in entertainments, both in school and church.

Jeannette Gertrude, oldest daughter of Susanna and F. M. McAdams was born June 12, 1866, in Mutual, Ohio, removed to Mingo with her parents when a small child, where she grew to womanhood. She was married to Lincoln N. Crain, October 20th, 1881; they are the parents of three children: Floyd Mahlin, Ella Irene, and Edith Vaughn. This family lived on a farm near Mingo until October, 1900, when they removed to Salina, Kansas, where



they still live; they own their own home and are industrious and respected. Mr. Crain is employed in a wholesale meat packing house. He attends strictly to business and has many friends; Nettie is a good wife and mother; an ideal home-maker. The son, Floyd M., is a plumber and while working in Denver, Col., was married to Miss Mamie Killgallon at the Catholic parsonage in that city, June 22, 1907, then going to Brush, where he was in business.

Floyd M. Crain was again married, April 28th, 1911, to Miss Rose Cook, in Nebraska; their home is at Scott's Bluff, Neb.

Ella Irene, oldest daughter of Nettie and L. N. Crain attended the public schools in Salina, finishing in the High School; she was married to Mr. Arthur Smithers, December 11, 1907; they operated a large farm for two years, but are now living in Salina. Mr. Smithers is in business with his father and brother in the Salina Electric Street and Interurban Company. These young people are the parents of three children, Retta Gertrude, Ernest Hugh, and Kenneth Emery Smithers.

Edith Vaughn, the youngest child of Nettie and Lincoln Crain was born near Mingo, Ohio, in 1898, removing with her parents to Salina, when very young, she is a student in the city schools.

Laura E., second daughter of Susanna and F. M. McAdams, was born in Mutual, Ohio, April 5, 1868. She grew to womanhood in her native state; going to Beloit, Kansas, in 1885, she clerked in the same store with her brother, Charlie, for one year, then going with him to Salina, they clerked in the Nelson store two years. Then the store was sold, and the new firm removed to Washington, Iowa. Laura went with them and clerked for five months, but returning to Salina she took a similar position in a notion store and remained one year. She was married to William J. Cattell, November 10th, 1890, at her mother's home in Salina; some time later they removed to Kiowa, Kansas, where Mr. Cattell was in the drug business, and Laura was proprietor of a millinery store for several years, when they returned to Salina, where her husband held the position of cashier of the Salina County State Bank. They removed to Denver, Col., in 1908, where they own and manage a large apartment house. They are the parents of one child, Gertrude Reed Cattell, who was born in Salina. She is now attending Manual Training School; she is interested in art and has done some very good work in water color and oils; she is also a musician.

Eva Maria, third child of Susanna and F. M. McAdams, was born in Mutual, Ohio, May 6, 1869. She was married to J. Irvell Swartz of Richwood, Ohio, December 12th, 1886, and a few months later they removed to Salina, Kansas, where they lived, with the exception of a short time spent at Gypsum City, Kansas, until the death of Mrs. Swartz, which occurred July 15th, 1899, after many

months of suffering with tuberculosis, Eva was an amiable, Christian woman, devoted to her family; after the death of her baby boy, Jerome Irvell, in April, 1897, her health failed rapidly; she was very patient during her sickness, her only regret at leaving this world being the parting with her husband and little girls Amelia May, and Ruth Varner, and the many friends. After his wife's death Mr. Swartz kept the girls in their home, employing a housekeeper for a few years. Since then the girls have kept house while attending school. Amelia's school days ended when she was in the junior year in High School; she then devoted all her spare time to her music, for which she has a talent; she is also quite clever at needlework. She was married June 14, 1910, to Mr. Edwin B. Ives, who is the proprietor of a store in Salina, near the University grounds; he carries a line of goods in demand by the students. They are the parents of a son, Howard Lowell, born April 11th, 1911, in Salina.

Ruth Varner Swartz graduated from the Salina High School in the class of 1909. She lives at home and keeps house for her father; her friends speak very highly of her capabilities in that line. She is also fond of music, and sings in the church and Chautauqua chorus.

Carrie A., daughter of S. M. and F. M. McAdams, was born in Mingo in 1871; she moved with her mother to Salina, Kan., in 1887. She clerked in a dry goods store two years, married Clarence L. Wight, at the home of her mother, October 31st, 1894, and soon after moved to Denver, where Mr. Wight had a good position with a real estate company; after about two years they returned to Salina, and bought a home, but in 1908, they returned to Denver, moving some months later. Mr. Wight is secretary for the Denver, Laramie and N. W. R. R. Land and Investment Company. They are the parents of one daughter, Miriam Louise, born February 15th, 1903. She is attending the public school also studying music.

Lydia C., fifth daughter of S. M. and F. M. McAdams, was born in Mingo, Ohio, in 1873. She was married to Samuel Hoover, February 25, 1891, at the home of her mother in Salina. They have spent all their married life here, except a short residence in Kansas City; they own a good home in Salina, Mr. Hoover is proprietor and manager of a wholesale produce house; They are the parents of four children, J. Harold, was born in 1892, graduating with the class of 1911, from the Salina High School, and has a position with a cold storage and ice company in Salina.

Helen Janet was born in 1894, and is a junior in High School, she assists her father in the office during vacations.

Mildred Blanche, born in 1896, is entering her second year in High School, and Warren Freeman Hoover, named for his great-grandfather, was born in 1899. In school he is still in the grades.



The mother of this little family is a small, but very energetic, industrious woman, and finds time to work in the W. C. T. U and the missionary societies of the M. E. Church, and she, as well as her sisters, are interested in Woman's Club work.

Susie Maye, youngest daughter of S. M. and F. M. McAdams, was born February 15, 1875, and removed to Kansas at the age of twelve years. She completed her education in Salina, and was appointed deputy county treasurer, serving four years under her brother, Charlie. She was married December 14th, 1898, to Mr. Charles Benjamin, of the firm of Rosenwald and Benjamin of Salina. Maye was more than ordinary attractive, intelligent, capable, very sociable, sincere and of a sunny disposition. She was quite an active worker in a woman's club in the city. On August 14th, 1903, Maye Benjamin was called to her heavenly home, after an illness of a few short weeks with acute Brights' disease,—no children were born to this couple.

Howard D, son of Susanna and F. M. McAdams, was born in Mingo, Ohio, in August, 1880. He was seven years old when the family removed to Kansas; here he grew to manhood; he is a pharmacist and after clerking for five years in M. B. Palmer's drug store, became a partner with his employer in the Opera House Pharmacy of Salina.

Ralph T, son of Susanna and F. M. McAdams was born near Richmond, Ohio, in October, 1882. He was educated in the public schools of Salina; at the age of sixteen he began clerking in the National Bank of America in Salina and remained there three years, then became book-keeper in the Farmers Bank, resigning to accept the same position in the Salina County State Bank; here he remained until his health failed in 1907. On the advice of his physician he went to New Mexico, where he remained a few months, and then returned to his home improved, but after a short time he decided to go to Georgetown, Colorado, there he secured a position with a mining company; later he became a resident of Boulder; his health gradually improved and he is now a member and manager of the Boulder Paint, Paper and Mercantile Company. Ralph is a member of the city band and is quite a good vocalist. He was married to Miss Hazel Burkholder, October 28th, 1911, at the home of the bride's mother in Georgetown, Col.

Frank M., youngest child of Susanna and F. M. McAdams, was born October 1st, 1885, and was just one year old when his father died. A year later his mother sold her home in Richmond and with her six youngest children, removed to Salina, Kansas. Frank received his education in the city schools, and was also a student in St. John's Military Academy, at Salina. At the age of nineteen years he was employed as a clerk in the office of the district foreman for the Union Pacific R. R. Company. He is now

employed as secretary in the office of an extensive dealer and shipper of live stock, much of it being imported.

Judith Annette, sixth child of Warren and Susan M. Freeman, was born August 20th, 1845, on the old home farm north of Mechanicsburg, where she grew to womanhood, attending the district school. She possessed a bright and lively disposition, and was energetic and courageous, and was endowed with a taste for music; having a good voice, she often took a leading part in the singing in the church services and Sabbath school at Treacle's Creek. She was married to Mr. Charles M. Gove, October 31st, 1865, by the Rev. L. F. Van Cleve at the parsonage of the M. E. Church in Urbana, Ohio. They began house-keeping on Mr. Gove's farm a short distance east of Mutual, where they toiled hard in the years that followed, and although sickness assailed them, and their home was visited several times by the angel of death, they succeeded quite well, and finally became the owners of two more adjoining farms. Later they sold a part of the first one. Sometime about the year 1890, Mr. Gove went into dairying, hauling milk to Mechanicsburg, where he retailed it to customers over the town; he remained in this business about twelve years; at the same time directing the farm work. His health failing, he sold out the dairy business; while the farm work was carried on by his sons. Mr. Gove did not regain his health; the last three years of his life his mind was affected and he became a great care to his family; the responsibility being very heavy on the faithful wife, who was untiring in her efforts to keep him comfortable, patiently enduring the tedious and arduous care, until God relieved his sufferings, September 3rd, 1908; his age was seventy-two years. He was a man possessed with many excellent traits of character, a true friend to the needy; strong, active, always entering energetically into whatsoever he undertook. A native of New Hampshire, but reared in Ohio, he was a soldier, being a member of the 66th Regiment O. V. I. His funeral occurred September 6th, interment taking place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanicsburg. Seven children were born to this couple, Clara Maude, Emma Susanna, Edgar Clifford, Warren Freeman, Frederick Charles, Ernest Hiram, Thurman Harrison.

Clara M. was born August 22, 1866. She received her education in the district school, attending High School in Mechanicsburg and also a Normal School in Urbana, during the summer, and spent one term in the State Normal at Ada, Ohio, and taught school successfully for about three years. She also studied music and before her marriage served as organist in the M. E. Church and Sabbath School at Mutual, of which church she was a member. Clara was married December 16, 1891, to Mr. Warren Rutan at the home of her parents, by the Rev. I. C. Page. They began house-keeping in Mechanicsburg where Mr. Rutan was employed



at blacksmith work. A year later they removed to a farm near Fountain Park, after farming a few years they removed to South Charleston, Ohio, and engaged in creamery work, but is now employed in carpenter and concrete work. They are the parents of four children.

Howard Hazel, the oldest son, was born September 22, 1892. He graduated from the South Charleston High School in May, 1911, winning honors and a scholarship in Ohio Wesleyan University in which institution he is now a student.

Charles William, second son of Clara and Warren Rutan, was born June 25th, 1897. He is a student in High School.

Mary Annette, the third child, was born September 23rd, 1900. She is still in the grades in school, and is also studying music.

Margaret Evelyn, youngest child of Clara and Warren Rutan, was born October 3rd, 1903. These children are all quick to learn, and have musical ability, often taking part in entertainments in church and school, and are all strong and healthy; Clara, the mother, although not strong, is very energetic, and industrious, and has been president of and an earnest worker in the W. C. T. U., for several years.

Emma S., second daughter of Annette and Charles Gove, was born March 16th, 1869. Emma was a strong, robust child and as she grew to womanhood became her mother's dependence in the duties of the home; industrious, and quick to learn in school, and a general favorite, of a sunny disposition, a handsome fun-loving girl, her life was suddenly cut short in the bloom of youth, after an illness of ten days with inflammation of the bowels, her spirit returned to God, who gave it, on September 21st, 1884. She was fifteen and a half years of age.

Edgar C, twin brother of Emma, died Jan. 23, 1877, of scarlet fever, aged seven.

Warren F. was born August 15, 1871, and he, too, died of that dread disease, scarlet fever, January 14th, 1877.

Frederick C., fifth child of Annette and Charles Gove, was born October 4th, 1875. He grew to manhood on the farm, attending district school, also High School in Mechanicsburg, graduating in the class of 1895. He then took a course in dairying at the Ohio State University; after graduation he secured a position as manager of a creamery at Marietta, Ohio, going from there to Illinois, and later to Kansas, returning to Ohio a year later; soon after this he went to Oregonia, Ohio, where he had charge of one of French Brothers' creameries; here he made the acquaintance of the estimable young lady who afterward became his wife. He was married May 23rd, 1906, to Miss Elizabeth Z. Sherwood, at the home of the bride's mother. In August of the same year they removed to Mechanicsburg, where he engaged in the lumber busi-

ness with his brother, Ernest. In August, 1907, they removed to Bethel, Ohio, where he again entered the employ of French Bros., in a creamery. They removed to Russelsville, Brown County, Ohio, in the Autumn, 1911. They are the parents of one daughter, Dorothy, who was born May 5th, 1907, in Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

The sixth child of Annette and Charles Gove was Ernest H., born September 13, 1881. He received his education in the district school and when very young began to work and manage the farm with the advice of his mother, after his father's health failed. Ernest was married, May 24, 1905, to Miss Dessa Beard, by the Rev. O. M. Sellers, at his residence in Dayton, Ohio. After a wedding journey to Kentucky, the young couple began house-keeping on his father's farm, where they lived one year. Then Ernest bought a sawmill in Mechanicsburg and removed to that place; he was always a very energetic, industrious boy, and loved to work with horses and machinery. In October, 1906, he was stricken with typhoid fever and died Nov. 1st, 1906, aged twenty-five years. The loss of this son was a very severe shock to the mother, on whom the burden of sorrow and the care of the stricken husband and father was pressing so heavily. To the young wife was left the memory of a kind, worthy and appreciative husband. Ernest was converted and joined the M. E. Church when about nineteen. His funeral was held in the M. E. Church in Mechanicsburg and he was laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Dessa, widow of Ernest H. Gove, was married June 27th, 1912, to Mr. Howard L. Newman of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, where they now reside.

Thurman H., youngest child of Annette and Charles Gove, was born March 23, 1888. He grew to manhood on the farm attending school where he was very quick to learn; he entered the Urbana Business College in 1908; after completing the course, he entered Ohio State University, where he took a short course in dairying. He is of a jovial disposition and full of life and vim, possessing unusual musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, and has appeared in public entertainments many times.

He was married February 26th, 1911, to Miss Leah Madden, a winsome young lady of the neighborhood, at the M. E. parsonage, in Urbana, Ohio, by the Rev. M. LeSourd, after a short wedding journey, they returned to the home farm, where they began house-keeping; his mother making her home with them.

They are the parents of a young daughter, Mildred, who was born July 3rd, 1912.





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## OBITUARY

### ANNETTE FREEMAN GOVE

No bird yet sang with all its heart but that his fellows were made the happier; no flower yet bloomed but the air around was laden with its perfume; no sun ever shone but that the whole world in some way felt the healing of its beams; so no life ever fills its full meaning without leaving some lasting good with the race. The life-day of Annette Freeman Gove, which began August 20th, 1845, came to its close June 26, 1912. In September, 1911, she journeyed to New Jersey, where she spent three months very pleasantly with her brothers, Henry and Leroy, and their families, returning home a few days before Christmas. She contracted La Grippe, which resulted in tuberculosis. The most striking of her characteristics were her love for her home and children; and her devotion to them was typified by a continual forgetfulness of self, and a zeal for the welfare of her family that never wavered until her life work was over. Her funeral occurred at her late home, conducted by the Rev. F. M. Clemens, under whose pastorate she was converted and became a member of the M. E. Church at Mutual, Ohio, in the winter of 1877. Her remains were laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

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Argus Leroy, seventh and youngest son of Warren and Susan M. Freeman, was born July 8th, 1849, on the old home farm. He was reared a farmer, and received his education in the district schools; Leroy was twelve years of age when the Civil War began, and seeing so many of our countrymen enlisting aroused his patriotism, and he longed to become a soldier. And when the 134th Regiment were on parade in Mechanicsburg, May 2nd, 1864, preparing to go to the seat of war, he was so eager to go that father had to buy a drum for him to play, to satisfy and keep him from running away. He spent one year in Illinois, returning in 1868. In 1870 he left his father's home, going to New York City to assist his brother Henry in the silk business; entering into a partnership which continued some time. During these years he visited his old home in Ohio several times. He was married September 22nd, 1874, to Miss Marie Isabella Killeen, of New York City, where their marriage took place; she was a daughter of F. M. and Eliza Pickett Killeen; her mother being a daughter of an Episcopal Bishop. She was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1853, and was educated in St. Vincent's Seminary at Birkenhead, England. She



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had a splendid musical education. Leroy and his bride came to Ohio on their wedding tour and visited his people. Marie was a very bright, attractive little woman, and in after years often spoke of the pleasant time she had on this western visit. They began house-keeping in Paterson, N. J., where they resided two years, then returning to New York City. Some years later they bought property in Passaic, N. J., and removed to that place, but continued in business in New York; finally selling out and establishing the printing business in Passaic, where they now own and operate the largest printing plant in the Northern part of Jersey under the firm name of A. L. Freeman Printing Co., and are well known in many states. To Leroy and Marie Freeman were born four children: Ernest Leroy, George Henry, Maude Ethel, and War-killeen; all were born in New York. The mother, Marie I. Freeman, died of pneumonia, March 5, 1905, aged about fifty-two years. Her remains were laid to rest in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, N. J. She was a true and loving wife and mother; being a fine musician, the children inherited a talent for music and under her skillful teaching they became quite proficient in that art.

Ernest Leroy, oldest son of Argus L., and Marie I. Freeman, was born at Paterson, N. J., April 3rd, 1876. He received his education in the schools of New York City and Passaic, N. J. When quite young he displayed much interest in the art of printing and his father purchased a small press and outfit for him, and he was soon printing cards and hand-bills, and was so successful, that in the course of time his father built and equipped a printing establishment and entered the business with the son; the business increased rapidly and the plant has been enlarged several times. Ernest L. Freeman was married June 22nd, 1899, to Miss Flossie Strunk; they are the parents of six children: Gladys Ruth, born May 8, 1900; Alfred Burson, born September 1st, 1901; Helen Eloise, born July 31st, 1903; Marie Isabella, born January 7, 1905; Argus Leroy, born October 27, 1906, and died in August, 1907; he was never well, and suffered much during his brief life. The youngest child, Ernest Leroy, Jr., was born in 1908. These are all bright, active children, and have inherited musical talents. The mother, Flossie, is a very energetic, industrious, capable little woman.

George H., second son of Argus L., and Marie I. Freeman, was born January 18, 1879. He received his education in the schools of New York City and Passaic, N. J. He worked in the printing house with his father and brothers, but later went into business for himself. He is a member of the city fire department, and is prominent in fraternal circles. George H. Freeman was married December 29, 1903, to Miss Margeurite Losee, of Passaic, N. J. He was married the second time, February 15th, 1912, to



Miss Ethelyn L. Snyder, of Paterson, N. J. They reside in Passaic.

Maude Ethel, only daughter of Argus L., and Marie I. Freeman, was born December 23rd, 1880. She was educated in the Passaic schools, and is an efficient pianist and vocalist. Ethel was married to Albert H. Goble of Newark, N. J., June 6, 1905, at the home of her father in Passaic. After her marriage, Ethel and her husband remained in her father's home for some months, when they removed to Arlington, N. J. Mr. Goble is connected with a wholesale grocery house in New York City. In August, 1905, Ethel came to Ohio with her father, to attend the annual reunion of the Freeman families and to visit her father's people at his boyhood home. She is a charming little woman, a lover of nature, and was delighted with the country, and her visit, though short, was mutually enjoyed. This couple are the parents of two children, Albert Leroy, born March, 1906, and Marie Ethelbert, born March, 1907. They now live at Westfield, N. J.

Warren K., youngest son of Argus L. and Marie I. Freeman, was born August 1, 1884; he was reared and educated in Passaic. He is a printer and a member of the firm, with his father and brother, Ernest. He was married to Miss Edna Ingersol Tompkins, of Passaic, May 21st, 1908. They are the parents of two little daughters, Dorothy Isabella, born May 27, 1909, and Marjorie Emily, born July 9, 1911. Warren is a member of Rescue Hook and Ladder Company and has rendered efficient service.

Argus L. Freeman was married October 24, 1905, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Mrs. Mary Jermaine Ainsworth, a widow, who has two children, a son and daughter, the latter is married to Mr. Ernest Woodworth and they are the parents of three children, and live in Brooklyn, N. Y. Leroy was a member of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company for twenty years and served as treasurer during all that time, being re-elected each year.

Mrs. Mary J. Ainsworth Freeman died December 21st, 1910, at the family home in Passaic of dropsy and paralysis.

Argus Leroy Freeman departed this life July 14th, 1912, aged 63 years, 6 days. His health had been gradually failing for a year or more, and a few days before Christmas, 1911, he suffered a stroke of paralysis; this deprived him of the use of his right side for some time, and all his business responsibility had to be laid aside, or given over to his sons. After some months of treatment he became able to write and also to walk about enough to go to his office, and to attend divine service in the Methodist Church, near his home, and this privilege he greatly enjoyed; but, although seemingly regaining the use of his limb, he suffered much and in "June (or July)" was again stricken and gangrene having set in the left foot, he was removed to the General Hospital in Paterson, July 10th, for an operation in the hope of prolonging his life; he

seemed to rally from this operation, but in a few hours extreme weakness came upon him and on the morning of the 14th his soul passed to the great beyond. His remains were laid to rest in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Paterson, N. J., July 17th. Thus one by one our dear ones are joining those who have gone before.

## CHAPTER VIII.

Ira, third son of George Warren and Judith B. Freeman, was born at the old home on Freeman street, near Auburn, N. Y., November 16th, 1810. He removed with his parents to Ontario County, when ten years of age, and there grew to manhood. He was a farmer, and was married February 28th, 1837, to Miss Marville Willcox, at Springwater, N. Y., and the following April removed with his father and family to Champaign County, Ohio, where they settled two and one-half miles from Medianburg. Ira and family occupied one of the farms purchased by grandfather until the spring of 1850. There were born to this couple six children: Russel, Letcy, Marville Amelia, Hannah and two sons, who died in infancy; the youngest was buried in the same casket with the mother, who died January 1st, 1847, aged about thirty-seven years. She was a woman of firm disposition, a good manager, and aimed to accomplish whatever she undertook; quick and sociable, her home and family were her greatest enjoyment.

Ira Freeman was married to Miss Delilah Rutan, March 4th, 1847, at the home of her father, Daniel Rutan, by Rev. Bunker. She was an excellent Christian woman, industrious, and a good manager. To this union were born two children, Ira Daniel and Mary Jane. In 1850, Uncle Ira sold his farm and bought another one near Texas, near Mutual. He built a new house and they were occupying it when Aunt Delilah was stricken with typhoid fever. She died September 15th, 1851, aged 41 years. The husband was left with six motherless children. Grandmother Freeman moved to his home, and a girl was hired to do the work. Two years later grandmother died then Uncle Ira sold his farm; securing homes for his children. He went to Illinois on a visit. He was married February 12, 1854, to Miss Sarah Starrett. He bought another farm near my father's and there, with his new wife and six children, began house-keeping. To this union was born one son, Warren. In August, 1859, this wife, Sarah, died after several months' illness, with consumption, following pneumonia. The daughters then kept house and cared for the family, until their father married Miss Elizabeth D. Jones, of Delaware, Ohio. The wedding ceremony was performed at her parents' home in the above named place. The bride was a milliner and had been conducting a shop in Mutual. Ira and Lizzie Freeman were the parents of five chil-



children, Margaret Helen, Charles Thomas, Emma Rosetta, Sarah Melissa and Mary Stella. The oldest, was born in Ohio, the other four, in Iowa, where the family removed, three years after his last marriage. He sold his Ohio farm, and on September 15th, 1863, started for their new home in the West. Not one of the family have ever returned to Ohio and few of those who made the journey are alive today. This parting with our Uncle and family made us all feel bad; to father it was especially sad, as Uncle Ira was his only living brother, and at that time Iowa seemed much farther away than now, and travelling more difficult. They lived in Mahaska County three or four years, then removed to near Rome, Henry County. Ira Freeman died at his home in Iowa, September 24th, 1879, aged almost sixty-nine years. His wife, Elizabeth D. Freeman, died February 7th, 1911, aged seventy-eight years, lacking a few weeks. She suffered many weeks with dropsy of the liver. She was tenderly cared for by her daughters and her sister, Miss Helen Jones, who has made her home in Iowa for some years.

Russell, son of Ira and Marville Freeman, was born March 7th, 1839, near Mechanicsburg, Ohio. He was reared on the farm. He enlisted in the 66th Regt., O. V. I., October 14th, 1861. The regiment was drilled at Camp McArthur, Urbana, Ohio, until ordered to the front, January 16th, 1862. While in camp, Russell was married to Miss Viletta Bowen, of Livonia, N. Y., oldest daughter of Hiram Bowen, she was an orphan and came to Ohio to live with her grand-parents. He served his country until attacked with typhoid. He was in the hospital, and very seriously ill for some time; his father moved him home as soon as he could stand the journey and there he suffered a relapse but finally recovered, with the exception of a fever sore from which he suffered all his life. He was discharged for physical disability in the spring of 1863, and removed to Iowa with his father and family the following September, where they settled near Rome. Russel and Viletta Freeman were the parents of seven children: Mary Lovetta, Francis Carpenter, Hiram Bowen, Ira Grant, Charles Harvey, Lillian Mande and John Russel.

Mary L. was born in January, 1864, in Iowa, where she grew to womanhood and was married in September, 1884, to Mr. Marion Wymer, they are the parents of five children: Leona L., Francis F., Ralph, Dewey, and Alonzo Wynter.

Francis C., oldest son of Russel and Viletta Freeman, was born September 30, 1866, in Iowa. He married Miss Mary Pencil. To them were born three children, Gerald, Nina and John Russel. The wife died in March, 1896, at their home in Rome, Iowa; from the shock caused by an operation for a tumor in her side. The children were cared for by their grandmother, Viletta, until her death. Their father, who was a large, strong man, was

a bridge builder, and very industrious, grief over his wife's death caused his health to fail; he was a patient in a hospital in Burlington for a time, and grew so despondent that he took his own life, in August, 1901. This rash act caused great sorrow to his mother and little children.

Hiram B., the second son, was born in 1870. He was married to Miss Rosa Paxton, February 15th, 1894. They are the parents of five children, Elza D., born April 12th, 1896; Charles W., born March 24th, 1899; William H., born March 9th, 1902; Chester L. Freeman, born March 4th, 1905, and Thomas Ira Freeman, born October 22nd, 1911.

Ira Grant, third son of Russel and Viletta Freeman, was born near Rome, Iowa, in 1872. He is in the employ of a Railway Co. near Rome, Iowa, was born in 1874, in Iowa. He

Charles Harvey, fourth son, was born in 1874, in Iowa. He also was an employe of a R. R. Company. He was killed by the cars in July, 1910.

Lillian M. Freeman, died when quite a small child near Rome. Lillian M. Freeman, youngest child of this family, was born in Iowa. John Russel, youngest child of his family, whether he had in 1881. He was killed by the cars in Nebraska, whether he had in 1881. He was killed by the cars in Nebraska, whether he had in 1881. He was killed by the cars in Nebraska, whether he had in 1881.

Russel Freeman, the father of this family, died November 20th, 1896, after an illness covering several months; his wife Viletta, died in April, 1905, quite suddenly, although her health had been poor for some time. She was a kind and industrious woman, loving her home and always speaking in praise of her children. Her remains were interred beside those of her husband in the cemetery at Rome.

Leticy, oldest daughter of Ira and Marville Freeman, was born September 20th, 1840, in Ohio. She married Daniel Collins, a farmer, near Rome, Iowa. To them were born two children, Alice May, and one that died an infant. Alice, was married to Joseph Messer, July 5th, 1896. They own and occupy a farm near Fairfield, Iowa. They are the parents of six children: Lottie May, Dorothy, Basil, Max and Allen Roosevelt, Ruby Edith Messer. Leticy Collins died near Rome, Iowa, October 27, 1880.

Marville A., second daughter of Ira and Marville Freeman, was born October 18, 1842, near Mechanicsburg, Ohio. She was married in 1864 to Alfred Baker in Mahaska County, Iowa. They were the parents of five children: Alice, Alma and Francis died in childhood; Eva May Baker was born August 10, 1867, near Granville, Iowa. She married Thomas McGlashen, a farmer. They are the parents of three children, Alfred and Robert and an infant. This family lived at Manteno, Illinois, in 1805.

Ira Baker removed with his parents to Oregon, a number of years ago, where the mother, our cousin, Mittie, died August 23rd,





1877. Her husband remaining in that State, where he married again some time later.

Hannah Freeman was born December 9th, 1844, and died December 4th, 1846.

Ira D., son of Ira and Delilah Freeman, was born January 5, 1848. He was about sixteen years of age when his father removed to Iowa. He was married in Iowa to Miss Elizabeth Harper. After some years they removed to Plainville, Rooks County, Kansas, while the country was yet new. They endured many hardships when their crops were ruined by the hot winds and drouth, and they also lost stock. Five children were born to them. John, Mary A., Orley, Pearl Harper, and Harry Rutan.

The oldest son, John joined his father in Wyoming, some years ago, to work in the gold mines in which they were interested.

The daughter, Mary A., graduated from the Plainville schools in the class of 1895, receiving the highest grade in grammar in a class of twenty-two. She was married to Mr. Charles Merrill, May 9th, 1897, at the home of her parents in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, by the Rev. W. H. Valette. The writer received a Plainville paper, giving an account of the wedding, it speaks of the bride as a charming young lady, a leader in church and Sabbath school work. It also spoke highly of Mr. Merrill, who is a prosperous farmer and stockman. They began house-keeping near Plainville.

Orley, and Pearl H., second and third sons of Ira D., and Elizabeth Freeman, grew to manhood on the farm and remained there with the mother while their father and brother were working in the gold mines.

Harry Butan Freeman, the youngest son in this family, graduated from the Plainville High School, May 6, 1903. We received an announcement and program of the Commencement, and acknowledged the same, but have not heard anything further from him.

Ira Daniel Freeman died in Denver, Colorado, May 12th, 1909.

Mary Jane, second child of Ira and Delilah Freeman, was born July 9th, 1849, being two years old when her mother died. The little girl was given to her mother's sister, Mrs. Lucinda Colwell and her husband, who reared her as their own. She grew up rapidly, was studious in school and her aunt and uncle, who had no children of their own, were very much attached to her. But death claimed her, June 23rd, 1862, at the age of thirteen years.

Warren, only child of Ira and Sarah S. Freeman, was born in Ohio, March 5, 1855, removed with his father to Iowa, at the age of nine years. Here he grew to manhood. He owns and operates a good farm near Mount Pleasant, Iowa. He was al-

ways steady and industrious; a Christian and member of the church. He was married to Miss Louisa Hobbs, in Henry County, Iowa. To them were born five children: Florence May, Harry, Edna, John and Milan. In 1902 the mother died of cancer, after undergoing two operations in the hope of saving her life. She seemed to be strong and well until the cancerous trouble made its appearance. She was a very industrious woman.

May, their oldest child, was born November 22, 1883. She had prepared herself to teach school, but her mother's death, left the duty of caring for the home to her, and it was some time later before she had the opportunity to teach. Then afterward she held a position in a printing office in Mount Pleasant. She was married Jan. 23rd, 1910, to Mr. Ernest Barton. They are the parents of a son, Emmet Dale, born February 5th, 1911.

Edna, second daughter of Warren and Louisa Freeman, was born July 3rd, 1888. She lives at home, and is a dressmaker.

The sons, Harry, born July 6th, 1890; John, born May 24th, 1895, and Milan, born April 10th, 1899, are all at home and assist their father in the work on the farm.

Warren Freeman married for his second wife, Mrs. Emma Perrine, a widow, who is also a relative of his first wife.

Margaret Helen, oldest daughter of Ira and Elizabeth D. Freeman, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, January 15th, 1862. She was twenty months old when her parents removed to Iowa, where she was educated and grew to womanhood. She has spent nearly all her life near Rome, Iowa. She was married in 1878, to John P. Hedlund, a native of Sweden. He is a prosperous farmer, and owns a good farm home. They are very industrious, and are the parents of two children: Frederic E., the son, was born in March, 1881. He received a common school education, and has some talent for music. He is a farmer and his home is near that of his parents. He was married October 15th, 1905, to Miss Mary Cleve, daughter of a farmer and a very estimable young woman. They are the parents of three children: Louis Raymond, born in January, 1907; Margaret E., and Florence Pauline, aged four and two years.

Carrie O., daughter of Helen and John P. Hedlund, was born near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, receiving her education in the schools near her home. She also received instruction in music and plays the piano quite well.

She was married in 1906, to Mr. John McNeeley, a farmer. They reside in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. They are the parents of two children, Alice Viola, aged five years, and Ronald Gordon McNeeley, aged three years; Ruby Caroline McNeeley, born October 23rd, 1911.

Charles T., son of Ira and Elizabeth Freeman, was born November 29th, 1862, in Mahaska County, Iowa. He was reared a



farmer and has always followed that occupation. He married Miss Mary Eliza Seper, in 1895. They resided in Henry County, Iowa, until 1905, when they removed to Oklahoma. They are the parents of four children: Jessie May, Gladys, Cora Olive, and a son, who died in infancy.

These parents are industrious, hard-working, well respected, and deserve success.

Emma R., second daughter of Ira and Elizabeth Freeman, was born March 17th, 1867, in Mahaska County, Iowa, and was reared in Henry County, where her parents removed when she was quite young. She was married to Daniel Collins in 1883. He was a widower, his first wife being Letcy, a half sister of Emma Freeman. To this couple were born seven children.

Lionel E., Milo D., Harry Leroy, Ira F., (deceased), Elsie Jane, Elizabeth Marie, Helen Ruth.

This family live on a farm, four miles, west of Fairfield, Iowa.

Elsie J. Collins was married January 18, 1912, to Earl Wells. The father, Daniel Collins, died April 17th, 1912.

Sarah M., third daughter of Ira and Elizabeth Freeman, was born January 16th, 1871, near Rome Iowa. Married, Aug. W. Hendlund in 1888. They were the parents of one child, Mayo Lloyd. The mother died April 21st, 1890, and the baby followed her to the better world a few months later. Sadie was a good woman, and was deeply mourned by her family and friends.

Mary Stella, youngest child of Ira and Elizabeth Freeman, was born March 18th, 1873, near Rome, Iowa. She was married to Abner Wells in Dec. 1900. His home was in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, and there they began house-keeping. They are the parents of four children. Ralph F., Bertha, Gladys Marie, Frederic R. In 1906, Mr. Wells and family removed to Oklahoma, but returned to Iowa in 1907.

This record of Ira Freeman and his descendants may not be nearly so complete and up-to-date as some other families owing to our inability to obtain trace of some of the younger generations, who have drifted farther West in some instances, and who since the death of their parents have not kept in touch with their relatives through correspondence.

## CHAPTER IX.

John Bowen, fourth son of George Warren and Judith Freeman, was born at the old home on Freeman street, four miles from Auburn, N. Y., July 2nd, 1813. Removed with his parents to Ontario County, at the age of seven years, where he grew to manhood. He was tall and broad shouldered, but never very fleshy. He had

blue eyes and light hair, like his mother. He was an able performer on both the bass and snare drum, and played on training days in the Military company, of which he was a member, when they were called out for muster at Canadice. He was married in April, 1832, to Miss Mary Bliss, a well respected and industrious young woman, an excellent house-keeper and skilled in fine needle-work, lace making and embroidering. Two children were born to them: Lydia Ann, was born in 1833, and died two years later. The son, Noah Beaman, was born June 7th, 1837. About the eleventh day of August, 1837, Noah's parents and my father and family started for Ohio in a covered wagon drawn by two horses. Beside the four grown people there were two babies and myself, and some household goods belonging to each family, and a bag of oats for seed, and this furnished me a seat during the long journey. Uncle John often carried the baby while walking beside the wagon, thus affording the mother a rest. We did not camp out but would stop at farm houses, or a hotel, if near one. Aunt Mary was not strong and when we reached Dublin, Ohio, within one good day's drive from our destination, she became very ill, at the hotel where we had stopped for the night. The best physician in the town was secured, and they gave her every attention during the night, but nothing seemed to relieve her, as she grew steadily worse. The doctor could give but little encouragement. In the morning my parents thought it would be best for them to continue the journey to grandfather's and let them know the situation, there were no telephones in those days, and no telegraph station near. We reached grandfather's home before night, and they unloaded the wagon and immediately began preparations for the return trip to Dublin. The wagon was fitted up with a good, comfortable bed, and Uncle Ira and Aunt Sarepta, started at day-break, but when they arrived in Dublin they found Aunt Mary had passed away during the night. They returned next day bringing the remains to grandfather's home, and the following day her funeral and interment took place. Uncle John was fortunate in finding a woman to care for the baby, Mrs. Chidester, whose own child had just died, taking Noah to her home, she cared for him until he was a year old.

Uncle John was married, March 8th, 1838, to Miss Huldah Bay, at the home of her parents, near Mechanicsburg. She was a clever, industrious woman, and belonged to one of the best families in the vicinity. They began house-keeping in part of the house with Uncle Ira and family, and remained there about a year. Uncle John contracted a severe cold, which terminated in hasty consumption. They had removed to the home of his wife's parents, when his health began to fail, and remained there until after their son was born, then as Uncle John did not improve, he



was moved to grandfather Freeman's where his mother cared for him and the oldest son, Noah, until his wife was able to wait on him. John B. Freeman died April 7, 1839, and was laid to rest by the side of his first wife in the cemetery at Mechanicsburg. Uncle was a very kind-hearted, sensible man, quiet and patient. He made an agreement with Uncle Ira, to take his son Noah and rear him as his own, and to teach him to work on the farm while growing up, helping him to choose an occupation for himself when he was old enough; Aunt Huldah and the baby returned to her parent's home where she remained until John was ten years old, when she was married to Timothy Johnson, a Methodist preacher, a widower with two sons.

Noah B. was reared in Goshen Township; received his education in the district school, and at the age of eighteen decided to be a miller and secured work in a mill operated by Mr. Shaw. When he was of age he took a Western trip, going as far as Wisconsin; when he returned he again secured work in a flour mill. In 1860 he again went West and when the Civil War begun he was in Illinois, and enlisted October 15th, 1861, in Co. F, 64th Regt. Illinois Volunteers in General Dodge's Division, 16th Army Corps, commanded by General Hurlburt. They were sent to Mississippi and there among the swamps he was sick with fever, and sent to Cairo to the hospital and from there to Cincinnati, where he was very near death's door, but finally recovered enough to be moved home to my father's. He was very much reduced and looked like a ghost of his former self. He remained with relatives about four months, then returned to his regiment and served until the close of the war. He then returned to the West. He was married in Monroe County, Iowa, January 1st, 1870, to Miss Marv A. Gearien. They moved about a great deal, living in different sections of Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas, where he worked at milling. He died suddenly of heart failure at the home of his daughter, Cora in Galena, Kansas, December 29th, 1907. Noah and Mary A. Freeman were the parents of three children. The oldest, Mary Elizabeth, was born October 9th, 1871. She married Robert E. Carey; a daughter was born to them, Pearl Belle. When she was entering womanhood her health began to fail and on the advice of her physician they removed to Phoenix, Arizona, hoping the change of climate would prove a benefit, but their fond hopes were not realized, Pearl gradually faded and her death occurred April 11th, 1903. Her age was about sixteen years. Her mother, Mary E. Carey had married the second time, on June 8th, 1896, Mr. Charles W. Snodgrass, a miner; they lived in Leadville, Colorado, then in Galena, Kans., both mining towns. After the death of their daughter they remained in Phoenix, where the mother died of the same disease, tuberculosis, May 3rd, 1905. Mary



ELSIE FREEMAN BLACK

ALBERT ELLI BLACK  
MARIE LOUISE BLACK

JOHN HUGH FREEMAN



Snodgrass was a Christian woman, very active and fearless. She had made several balloons ascensions at Joplin and Kansas City, Mo.

Cora Belle, second daughter of Noah and Mary A. Freeman, was born January 4, 1873. She married George L. Truster; he is a German and a barber by occupation, they formerly lived in Kansas City, but have lived in Galena, Kans., for some years. Cora is a dress maker.

The youngest daughter of Noah and Mary Freeman is Robie Josephine, she was born October 6th, 1879, in Arkansas. She was married July 9th, 1897, to Mr. Walter O. Downen, of Sarcosie, Missouri. He is a barber by occupation.

John Hugh, only son of John B. and Huldah S. Freeman, was born February 25th, 1839, his father dying when John was but six weeks old. His early childhood was spent in the home of his grandfather Bay, who was deeply interested in him, teaching him much that has been useful and helpful in making of him a good citizen and neighbor. His step-father was a farmer as well as a preacher and taught the lad to manage a farm, as he grew to manhood. He received a good education and taught school both before and after his marriage, while operating the farm. He has always been very active, laboring on the farm for many years; retiring at the age of seventy-two. He was married April 3rd, 1859, to Miss Emeline a daughter of James and Abigail Romine highly respected citizens of Treacle Creek, Goshen Township. They are the parents of five daughters, Emma Josephine, Huldah, Mary Elsie, Rebecca Ann and Ethel Gail.

Josephine, the oldest was born May 17th, 1860; and died of tuberculosis at the age of sixteen years. She possessed a very lovable disposition and was sincerely mourned by all who knew her.

Huldah was born September 15th, 1861, on the old Bay farm; she received a fair education; is intelligent, industrious; a very sociable and worthy woman. She is un-married; always living at home; lovingly caring for her mother, through months of suffering, and has given a large share of her time and attention to assisting her sisters and their children, and often lends a helping hand to neighbors and friends. The greater part of her life has been spent on the farm.

Mary Elsie, third daughter, was born July 24th, 1863; she was married in 1882, to Mr. Granville Black. They are the parents of four children, Albert Eli, Mable, Cora Emeline and William Granville.

Mr. Black is a farmer, and owner of three farms near Woodstock, Ohio; he is a very industrious, kindly man with much business ability. Elsie is very sociable, industrious, a faithful wife and mother.





Albert Eli, was born October 5th, 1883, near Woodstock; he was very studious as a boy, graduating from High School in Mechanicsburg in 1901; he has at different times been a student at Oxterbrin College in Westerville, and Oxford, Ohio; and the O. S. U. at Columbus. He taught district schools several years, and was superintendent of the school at Thackery one year, and at Cable, Ohio, two years, but is now occupying one of his father's farms, near Woodstock. He was married to Miss Edna Hill of Mingo, O., Nov. 2, 1904. They are the parents of one child, Mary Louise, born January 19th, 1910, in Cable, Ohio.

Mable Black was born October 14th, 1892, near Woodstock, Ohio; she is very industrious, and a good house-keeper; she is very sociable and talented in music. She was married to Mr. Ottoway B. Rhodes, April 22, 1909. They live on her father's farm near Brush Lake. They are the parents of two children, Elsie Charlotte, and Thelma Rhodes.

Cora E. Black was born January 27th, 1897. She is now a senior in the Woodstock High School, and is also studying music, while assisting her mother in the home.

William G. Black was born March 21st, 1907. He is a strong healthy boy, full of life and activity.

Rebecca A Freeman was born September 7, 1864, and died when one year old.

Ethel Gail, youngest child of John H. and Emeline Freeman, was born July 8th, 1880. She grew to womanhood on the farm; graduating from the Mechanicsburg High School in 1900, she attended one term at the State Normal University at Ada, Ohio, and taught one year in the country. She was married June 4th, 1902, to Mr. Charles Bowen, son of David Ferguson Bowen. He is a farmer and his farm joins that of his father-in-law on the east, which they now occupy, having rented their own farm. Charles enlisted in the 17th Regiment of the regular U. S. army in 1898 and served eighteen months in the Philippine Islands. He returned to the U. S. suffering with rheumatism, and was discharged for physical disability. This couple are the parents of two children, Glen Freeman, who was born September 11, 1903, and Agnes, born August 29th, 1907.

John H. Freeman is the owner of the old Bay farm and with the exception of a few years, has spent his entire life there. In 1910 he rented the farm and with his daughter, Huldah, removed to Mechanicsburg, Ohio. His wife, Emeline, died at the age of 64, October 7, 1903, after an illness of two and a half years. She was a very worthy woman and is sadly missed in the home and neighborhood. Aunt Huldah Freeman Johnson after the death of her husband in 1879, lived at the home of her son, John, where

she was tenderly cared for until her death, which occurred May 5th, 1884; her age was about 68 years. Her remains were laid to rest in the family lot in beautiful Maple Grove Cemetery at Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

## CHAPTER X.

Noah Beaman Freeman, Sr., son of George Warren and Judith Freeman, was born at the old home on Freeman street, four miles from Auburn, N. Y., in June, 1816. He was four years of age when the family removed to Ontario County, N. Y., where he grew to manhood, and obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He was gifted in music, the fife being his favorite instrument, and in the company of militia of which he was a member, he was the fifer; his brothers Ira and John were drummers in the same company, and they spent many pleasant hours playing martial music together at home. Noah B. was married to Miss Fannie Robison in March, 1836, at the home of the bride's parents, near Canadice, N. Y., where they began house-keeping and here their little daughter, Jane Elizabeth, was born, February 10, 1837. The following spring they were making preparation to move to Ohio with his parents and brothers when he became very ill and died under distressing circumstances. Uncle Noah was very fond of wrestling and was considered the champion wrestler in the neighborhood. Among the young men of his acquaintance there was one who said Noah Freeman should not go away and say that he was the best man in their town. They had their goods all packed in the wagon ready to start to Ohio in a day or two, when this young man, Coe Haines, by name, challenged Uncle Noah for a farewell contest. He consented and repairing to the barn they began and threw each other time after time, neither one being willing to be out-done; they became so interested that they spent the greater part of the day wrestling. They were so evenly matched that one could not gain much advantage over the other; but they finally quit; Haines claiming he had not been out-classed. It was late in March, and the weather was chill and damp that day; Uncle Noah was not careful to guard against cooling off too quickly, and he was seized with a hard chill, inflammation of the throat and lungs quickly followed. Everything that human hearts and hands could do, was done for him. His father stood over him almost day and night, but all to no purpose; after terrible suffering, he died the 5th of April, 1837. Grandfather had already sold the farm and the new owner had moved in, so they were compelled to start for Ohio as soon after the funeral as possible. The sad ending of this young life was a great disappointment to the family, as they



had planned on all settling near each other after arriving in Ohio. The sorrowing young wife decided to remain with her own parents, although our grandparents offered her a home with them and would gladly have provided for her and little Jane, who was but two months old.

A few years later, the widow married Mr. Zephaniah Bradley, an Englishman; a cooper by trade, they removed to Michigan, where Jane grew to womanhood, she received a good education, and taught school some years in Michigan. A correspondence between Jane and myself was the indirect cause of her coming to Ohio to visit her father's people in September, 1857. She was a beautiful, attractive, young woman and made many friends. She attended a select school in Mechanicsburg that winter, making her home at my father's, and in the spring passed the teachers' examination and was hired to teach the Spring and Summer school in our district and was very successful; on the last day they held what we used to call an exhibition, the mothers of the neighborhood prepared a picnic dinner and all the exercises were held in a grove near the school house. This was Jane's last school. She was married to Mr. James E. Taylor, Dec. 16th, 1858, at a hotel in Urbana, Ohio, by the Rev. M. Dustin, my brother George and his first wife Priscilla were married at the same time and place. Mr. Taylor's home was in Mechanicsburg and there the young couple began house-keeping. He was a cooper and worked in a shop two years, then removing to the country. To this couple were born two children, Floyd Edward and Fannie. The son was born in 1860 and was never well, he died at the age of eight months. The family moved back to the village and Mr. Taylor enlisted in the 32nd Regt. O. V. I., as a musician, going to Virginia with his regiment, he was discharged for physical disability. They removed to Port Huron, Mich., where Jane's mother and family were living and where James worked at coopering with Mr. Bradley. Jane Taylor died at Port Sarnia, Canada, in 1862 or 1863, leaving her little daughter Fannie to the care of her grandmother. Some time later James Taylor married again. He died at Portland, Oregon, May 28, 1896, where he and his family had lived for several years. His widow, with her son and daughter reside in Oregon.

Fannie, only daughter of Jane E. and James Taylor, was born near Treacle Creek, North of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, August, 1861. Her parents removed to Michigan when she was a baby, and when she was seven years old her father removed to Kansas. There she grew to womanhood and on March 13, 1879, she was married to Mr. John J. De Witt, of Kansas, in 1905 removing to California, thirty miles south-west of Sacramento, in the San Joaquin Valley, where they own and occupy a fruit ranch one and one-half miles



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from Acampo. They are the parents of three children, Rosa Elizabeth, Irene Edith, and Frances Edna.

Rosa, the oldest, was born Jan. 7, 1880. She graduated from the common school at Yates Center, Kansas, and taught one year. Pursuing her studies in music, for which she has quite a talent, at Emporia, Kansas. She was married to Mr. Bradley S. Grover, a school teacher, who was a student for three years in Kansas State Normal University at Emporia, Kansas. Mr. Grover was Principal of the Acampo school in 1907. In 1908 they removed to Red Bluff, Calif. to accept a similar position in the school at that place. Mr. Grover is a fine man and is loved as a son by his wife's parents.

Irena E., second daughter of Fannie and John J. De Witt, was born in 1882, in Kansas. She graduated from the common school in Yates Center, but owing to poor health, could not pursue her studies any further. She lives at home with her parents.

Frances E., youngest daughter of Fannie and John J. De Witt, was born June 25, 1889, in Kansas. She attended high school in Yates Center, was a member of the class of 1906, but removed with her parents to Calif. while in the Junior year. She attended a Business College at Stockton, Calif. (Normal department) one year. Her eyes began troubling her and she had to give up college work. She is very studious, and quite a reader. She was married in June, 1910, to Mr. Ray H. Hawley, he is a rural mail carrier on route No. 2, Acampo, Calif. They live near her parents home. Mr. Hawley is a fine christian gentleman.

The remains of Jane Freeman Taylor and those of her son, are interred in the Treacle Creek cemetery. Her mother, Mrs. Fannie Bradley, reared a large family. She died at the home of her son, George Bradley, at Macomb, Mich., at the age of seventy-seven years.

This closes the record of Noah Beaman Freeman, Senior, and family.

## Chapter XI.

George, youngest son of George Warren Freeman, was born August 31st, 1820, near Canadice, Ontario County, New York. He was almost seventeen years of age when his parents removed to Ohio. He attended the district school and worked on the farm, and when he was of age, his father helped him to purchase some timber land, which he proceeded to clear and cultivate, and after completing a new hewed-log house, he married on September 20, 1845, Miss Pleasy McCarty, a daughter of Samuel McCarty and wife, pioneers in the Treacle Creek neighborhood, and whose farm joined



that of our grandfather on the north. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride in the presence of quite a company of relatives. The ceremony was performed by Esquire Noah Davis. Perhaps a description of the costumes worn by the bridal party would be of interest to the younger generations. The bride, with her blue eyes and rosy cheeks, was very fair in her dress of white with pink ribbon sash and wearing on her head a white lace cap with pink ribbon trimmings and ties. All brides and married ladies wore such caps, in those days, it being considered a mark of good taste, on all special occasions. The groom wore a suit of dark blue broadcloth, cut in spike tail fashion and adorned with brass buttons, white vest and gloves. The bride's sister Susan, whose dress was also white, was the only attendant. They began house-keeping in the new home, where they worked hard, to get their farm cleared, and then plowing among the stumps as was a common thing in those days. Their oldest son, John Veach, was born October 13th, 1846. The father was very proud of his little son, and as soon as he was old enough, often carried him to the field where he was at work. In the spring of 1851, wishing to farm on a larger scale, he rented a hundred acre farm, that my father had purchased of Uncle Ira a short time before, and moved there, renting his own land. He worked very hard, and late in August he was stricken with Typhoid fever. The young wife was unable to care for him properly alone, and they decided to move him to her father's home, since her youngest sister Betsy, was ill with the same disease, and none of the family could leave home to assist Aunt Pleasy. After making the change, he had every care and medical attention, but their efforts were fruitless; his soul passed to the great beyond September 15, 1851. His age was thirty-one years, fifteen days. Uncle George was a noble, upright, young man and his death was deeply deplored. The grief stricken young wife remained at the home of her father and it was there that the second son, George Leonard, was born, Nov. 20, 1851. The children were reared in the home of their grandfather McCarty, their mother never returned to the home prepared by her husband, remaining in the home of her girlhood until after the death of her parents, when she and her sister Susan bought the two farms where grandfather Freeman settled, when he came to Ohio, both of which my father owned later. Aunt Pleasy and her sons and her sister Susan who had never married, moved into the old house, on our old farm where the sisters lived, building a new house some years later, and here they spent the years of old age, together with the oldest son, John V., who never married. He faithfully cared for his mother, and after her death lived alone until they sold the farm; then going to Mechanicsburg, he made his home with his Aunt Betsy McCarty. Since her death he has had a home

with his brother and family at North Lewisburg, Ohio. A part of the old home farm is now owned and occupied by John R. Mo whose wife, Sarepta, was David Bowen's oldest daughter. He spent the years of old age, together with the oldest son, John who never married. He faithfully cared for his mother, and after her death lived alone until they sold the farm; then going to Mechanicsburg he made his home with his Aunt Betsey McCarty. After her death he has had a home with his brother and family at North Lewisburg, Ohio. A part of the old home farm is now owned and occupied by John R. Moody whose wife, Sarepta was David Bowen's oldest daughter.

George Leonard Freeman was married to Miss Sarah E. Moore February 19th, 1874. They began housekeeping, and remained fifteen or more years, on the farm once owned and occupied by Uncle Ira near our old home. They are the parents of eight children: Marion Lloyd, Merrill Wood, Maria E., Metta, John I. Carrie Jennie and Benjamin Harrison, (twins) and Alice Pleasant. Marion Floyd was born March 28, 1875. He is an undertaker and has been associated with his father in that business North Lewisburg, Ohio, for a number of years. He is an industrious, capable citizen in his home village. He married Miss P. R. Mohr, Nov. 12, 1901. They are the parents of one child, Leonard Mohr, born September 10, 1902.

Merrill W. was born March 25, 1877, died December 1st, 1898. Maria E. was born Jan. 19th, 1880, graduated from North Lewisburg High School in the class of 1899. She was married to Mr. Paul Hollingsworth, Feb. 9, 1904. They reside on the farm near N. Lewisburg. They are the parents of two children, Clarence, born April 30, 1905, and Madge Elizabeth, born April 2nd, 1907.

Metta was born February 1st, 1885. She graduated from North Lewisburg high school in the class of 1904. Then clerk and working in the telephone exchange until her marriage to Oliver Morgan, Nov. 9, 1907, by Rev. W. L. Guard in Urbana. Their home was at New Madison, Ohio, for a time, then they removed to Marysville. Mr. Morgan is a cigar maker. They are the parents of two children, Harold Eugene and Charles Mar Morgan.

John Lee was born March 1st, 1887, on the farm. He attended district school and removed with his parents to N. Lewisburg, where he grew to manhood, and was employed in a bakery, learning the trade. He was married to Miss Esta M. Landis, October 25, 1908. They live in Columbus, Ohio.

Carrie I. and her twin brother, Benjamin H., were born January 28, 1889. They received their education in the North Lewisburg schools. They are intelligent, industrious and have been taking





care of themselves for some years. Carrie has been employed in the telephone exchange, also clerked in the post office and business houses. Harry spent the time in Indiana where he was employed in an automobile factory, later going to Texas where he remained a year, returning to his parents' home in 1911. He is now engaged in farm work.

Allice P., youngest child of George L. and Sarah Freeman, was born in N. Lewisburg, November 15, 1892. She graduated from high school in her home village in the class of 1911, and lives at home.

The father of this family, after selling his interest in the farm, removed to Mechanicsburg, where he was associated with J. J. Mauk in the furniture and undertaking business, removing from there to North Lewisburg, he and his son Floyd, entered the same business. They own a good home, he is a respected citizen, his wife is an excellent woman, a faithful wife and mother. Aunt Pleasy Freeman died June 20, 1893, aged seventy-three years, of creeping paralysis. She was a quiet, industrious woman, a kind friend and neighbor, and a devoted mother.

## CHAPTER XII.

Sarepta, youngest child of George Warren Freeman, Senior, was born May 24, 1822, near Canadice, New York, removing to Ohio with her parents in 1837, at the age of fifteen years. She was married to David Bowen in 1839, in Urbana, Ohio. The bride was a handsome girl both in form and feature, her complexion was fair, she had blue eyes and brown hair. The young couple began house-keeping in part of grandfather's house, and David was employed on the farm; some time later grandfather helped them to buy a piece of land, which was no doubt all in timber, as it was a part of the same tract purchased by George Freeman, Junior, our uncle. To this couple were born two children; Webster was born in 1840 on the old Freeman farm. He was reared and received his education in this same neighborhood.

Jefferson, the second child was born in June, 1841, and died at the age of three months. The young mother was seized with the sickness known then as nursing sore mouth. The medical treatment seemed to cause the sores to heal too quickly and the disease affected the lungs and terminated in hasty consumption. Under these conditions the babe did not thrive, and preceded the mother to the better world only a week.

Sarepta F. Bowen died September 15, 1841, at the age of nineteen years.

Webster Bowen enlisted in Company I, 66th Regt. O. V. I., in October, 1861, and left Camp McArthur, Urbana, Ohio, with

the Regiment, Jan. 16, 1862, going to Virginia. After serving a year, he became ill and was sent to a hospital and was discharged for physical disability in 1863. After a few months spent at home he began to improve, and becoming stronger, he went to Indiana to visit some friends and while there he met the young lady who afterward became his wife. He was married to Miss Sara Johnston at the home of the bride's mother in Pendleton, Ind. Dec. 27th, 1863. They left for Ohio the same evening. On arriving at the home of his father the next day, the bridal party found beside the family, a number of invited guests, to welcome and do them honor. The young people of the neighborhood gave them a serenade in the evening, the instruments consisting of bells, horns, tin-pans, horse-fiddles, and anything that would make noise, that being the customary way of serenading a wedding party in those days.

My father invited the bride and groom and a few others to dinner on New Year' day, which was the following Sabbath. The weather was fine, but on Saturday a warm rain began to fall during the night the weather changed and when we arose Sabbath morning everything was frozen stiff. Cousin Webster and his bride walked to our home, which was only a short distance from his father's, and on arriving, the bride found her fingers were badly frosted. The frost was drawn out with cold water, but she suffered from it for some time. That was a memorable day, and was given in history as "The Cold New Years". The cold was general all over the country, even affecting the Southern States, our soldier boys made mention of it in their letters home. In a short time Webster and wife returned to Pendleton and began house-keeping, later they removed to Ohio, and lived on his father's farm for a time, then returning to Pendleton where he remained until his death, which occurred Feb. 14th, 1871, at the age of thirty years. This couple are the parents of three children, Omer, Malvina Maria, and Emma Theresa. The son, Omer Bowen, married Miss Mattie Bryant of Pendleton. They are the parents of three children, Mary, William Carlton, (deceased) and Robert Ralph Omer, the father, is a farmer, living near Pendleton.

Malvina M. Bowen married Mr. Charles Brough of Pendleton. He is a worker in cement. They are the parents of eight children, Lawrence Henry, Nettie Hazel, Little Merle, Jessie Verne, Leon Jane, Audrey Marie, Ruth, and Hilda Mae, (deceased).

Nettie H. Brough married Mr. Frank Goldsmith, a clerk, at Anderson, Ind. They are the parents of two children, Esther Merle, and Horace Merrill.

Lettie Merle Brough married Robert Hill, who is deceased.



two children were born to them, Robert, (deceased) and Richard who with the mother now reside in Detroit, Mich.

Malvina Brough died Dec. 24th, 1908.

Emma T. youngest daughter of Webster and Sarah Bowen, married Mr. Alvah Dennis, of Pendleton. To them were born four children, Carrie Cecilia, Harry Lester, (deceased) Lottie Fern, and William Donald Dennis.

Carrie C. Dennis, married Mr. Jesse McWilliams a machinist of Richmond, Ind.

Lottie F. Dennis, is a student in High School in her home city, Pendleton.

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## FINIS.

This history of the Freeman family including six generations, was left unfinished, as many of its readers know, by the summons from her earthly, to her heavenly home, of the Author,—our dear Mother—Mrs. Juliette Freeman Lafferty. We know in many respects, we have been unable to give details and descriptions with such thoroughness as she would have delighted to give.

It has been a difficult task, to obtain a record of so many different families and their descendants up to the present time and we hope that all who read it will take into consideration these faces.







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